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Blind date

IT WAS billed as a "scientific experiment in love" and yesterday, after an intimate ceremony attended only by close family, friends and a national television company, the guinea pigs in Britain's first "blind" wedding were declared man and wife.

Carla Germaine, 23, a model, and Greg Cordell, 28, a sales manager, met for the first time and were married at lpm yesterday after winning a competition called "Two Strangers and a Wedding", organised by a Birmingham commercial radio station.

Lest they forget who brought them together, the moment of union was sealed by rings engraved with the station's logo: "96.4FM BRMB".

For the marketing men it was a marriage made in heaven - half the world's press were present as the nervous couple paraded before the cameras for their first taste of a new life destined to be played out under the uncompromising gaze of the British media.

After spending their first night together in the £750

Chamberlain Suite at Birmingham's Hyatt hotel, they will jet off for a honeymoon in the Bahamas — with a tabloid newspaper reporter and a fly-onthe-wall documentary team in tow. On their return they will receive a new Ford sports car for a year, and the run of a £1,500-a-month apartment in Birmingham's recently renovated canal land. But at midnight on January 25, 2000, they must return the keys and find a new home.

The newlyweds, who have signed a pre-nuptial agreement in case things do not work out, were yesterday

quick to scotch suggestions that the wedding was more an exercise in media manipulation than love. "Everyone's expecting us to split up," Mr Cordell said, "but we're going

to prove them wrong."
His new wifeagreed: "Every one has their own opinion but we're looking forward to getting to know each other. I know what I like and I'm very pleased and happy, I told them from day one what I was looking for and this is very good." When asked if they were going to consummate the union last night, she said:

You'll never know." The public will have little difficulty keeping up with the Cordell's progress. As well as a documentary on Channel 4 and regular radio updates on BRMB, they have already been invited on the David Letterman Show in New York.

While church leaders and marriage guidance organisations protested that the serious business of marriage was being turned into a media circus. BRMP cas mailers for the "Wedding of the Decade" and promised to broadcast the ceremony live. However, the registrar drew the line at sharing it with 700,000 listeners.

Mike Owen, BRMB's head of publicity, defended the wedding as a "a serious matrimonial exercise". He said: "We shall be giving Greg and Carla all the support they need. We want the marriage to last as long as possible. They were selected very carefully as the couple most likely to be compatible from the 200 entries we received."

Mr Owen said the station would probably pay for any fu-ture divorce proceedings.



al burdens of motherhood. As a result, too many infants ended up being taken into council care and kept in "a.

there were as many as 3,500 children aged under two in council care, while many childteenager mother, to cope has been misjudged by well-mean-ing but misguided people." tion, he said, but added: "It is still a sad fact that many suitable couples have been on waiting a return to the practice of

ing lists far too long, while children have remained in care." It had become "a matter of fashion to move away from adoption, he said in 1968, there were nearly 25,000 adoptions compared with fewer

than 6,000 a year now. Mr Straw's comments were, however, immediately attacked by adoption workers. Pam Hodgkins, manager of the West Midlands Post Adop-tion Services, said that removing a baby from its mother could be extremely damaging

for both parent and child. Adoption was nearly always the second best option for a child, while women who gave up their children in the 60s experienced health problems

Felicity Collier, director of the British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering, said that more than 70 per cent of children in care returned to their natural families within a year. We need to encourage sup-port for all mothers, whatever Chris Davies, president of

the Association of Directors of Social Services, rejected the Home Secretary's criticism of social workers, but conceded that more could be done to speed up the adoption process. The reason there are very few babies now offered for adoption is not because social worknew guidance to remove un- ers discourage it, but because this situation never see a social

worker at all." he said. Veronica Agius, who was forced to give her illegitimate daughter away for adoption 33 years ago, said: "I think about it every day. I have never had any other children, and my daughter says she is not ready to make contact with me. It is my deepest regret."

But Sheila Walker, 59, who gave up her baby son for adoption in 1959, said that it had been the best decision for both of them. "I am glad I made that sacrifice for him."

Trying to help, page 7



### Hussein chooses his eldest son

state of limbo" until a suitable

home could be found for them

with foster carers or adopters.

organised by the Pamily Poli-

cy Studies Centre: "It is in no

one's interests, not the moth-

ers, not the child's, nor the pro-

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While not actually propos-

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women into having their baby

adopted. Mr Straw said that

such a decision often resulted

in a better life for the child. "If

young mothers feel happy

about adoption that's so much

the better. It is better if these.

adoptions are done voluntarily

than if the children are later

Mr Straw said that he had

Seen surprised to discover that

taken into care," he said.

Mr Straw told-a conference

King Hussein of Jordan con-firmed by royal decree that his eldest son, Prince Abdul-lah, 36, is his heir, not the King's son, Prince Hamzah, or the King's brother, Prince Hassan, who had been Crown Prince for 34 years Page 13

# Athlete fails test

A British athlete has failed a tipe test. A UK Athletics spokes woman said that for legal reasons she could not give the name, the gender or the

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# I'm sorry about the little Bid to end Clinton girls — kidnap case man

BY ADRIAN LEE .

A MAN accused of kidnapping and seriously assaulting two schoolgirls said yesterday that he was sorry for what had happened to them and wished that he could turn back the

Alan Hopkinson, 45, of Languey, Eastbourne, made the statement through his solicitor after appearing at Hast-ings Magistrates Court in He was charged with ten of-fences: two each of child abduc-

tion, kidnapping and false im-prisonment and four relating to serious assaults. The court was told that the girls both aged ten could not be named. The former Rhodesian Army soldier and Bank of England worker said nothing dur-ing his five-minute appear ance. He stared intently at the floor and nodded only to confirm his name and that he understood the terms of his Te-

made for bail and he was remanded in custody for a week. He was also granted legal aid. After the hearing, Mr Hop-kinson's solicitor, Graeme White, made a statement from the steps of the court, saying:
"He has asked me to say he is
sorry for what happened to the
little girls. I basten to say that



Graeme White, solicitor

ing made. He does hope that they can put matters behind them, given the passage of time, and he has asked me to say that he does wish that he could put the clock back. He wishes to express his re-

Mr White said that his client, who was arrested on Friday, was "depressed and upset" and had been prescribed sleeping tablets. "Obviously it had been a great shock to him to be brought to the police station and held for several

Mr Hopkinson, who wore grey trousers and a light grey jacket over a blue pullover, was brought to court from the neighbouring police station through an underground tun-nel. Two police officers and two security guards were also in the packed courtroom. An order was made that no picture of Mr Hopkinson should

# trial quashed

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

LEADING Republicans yesterday quashed a new attempt to complete President Clinton's trial this week, in a day of plots and accusations that left the impeachment process in chaos.

Trent Lott, the Senate Republican Majority Leader, poured cold water on a bipartisan plan for a "yes or no" vote by Friday on the two articles of impeachment that would have avoided calling witnesses. Although he appeared to have been swayed by House conservatives, however, many of his colleagues admitted that they dearly wanted an early end to the saga, which is exasp-

erating Americans. The plan, put forward by Tom Daschle, the leader of the Senate Democrats, would have left open the option of a vote to censure the President. Its failure has left both parties searching for a solution, terricome uncontrollable if witnesses are called to the Senate

If Monica Lewinsky is called, the nation will be treat-ed to the unpalatable sight of elderly men questioning a troubled young woman about the already well-chronicled details of her sex life. They also fear that if she is called, they will have to summon everyone mentioned in her testimony.

While floundering in the quagmire of the witness question, Congress had the benefit of a new round of observations by Dick Morris, Mr Clinton's former adviser, who himself resigned over a sex scandal. Mr Clinton was "delusional", he said, in feeling victimised when the Lewinsky scandal first erupted, but certainly believed his own line that he had not had sex with the young trainee.

Leading lady, page 15

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IT WAS, in its way, like six sixes in an over to win a cricket match, a maximum 147 in the final frame to claim a victory on the snooker table, or breaking a world record to win a gold medal in the 1,500 me-

FROM MEL WEBB

tres in the Olympic Games.
What David Duval, the American golfer, achieved was nothing less than a slice. of sporting immortality.

A score of 59 in golf is a mystical figure.

a barrier that goes beyond the psychological Like its counterparts in other sports, it requires high skill. Unlike them, it calls for that skill to be exercised - and concentration maintained - for upwards of five

hours. A 59 needs par figures to be beaten for up to 13 times in 18 holes; club golfers everywhere will know that for the merely mortal, one birdie a round is cause for cel-

. The feat has never been achieved in European professional golf and until Sunday had occurred only twice in America on neither occasion on the final day of the Daval did not only score 59 to win: he

needed to score 59 to win. The undernonstrative Duval, 27, started the final day of the Bob Hope Classic, at La Quinta Golf Club, in California, six shots behind the leader and seemingly out of the picture.

A quiet but grimly determined performer, he had calculated overnight that he might need 59 to claim his second win of the season. Confident performer though he is, he cannot truly have expected to do

In the end, Duval, who has been one of the most in-form golfers in the world for the last 14 months, during which time he has won six times, took the title by one shot. With this victory he boosted his earnings by \$540,000 (£328,000) and took his carnings this year to \$1,008,000. Pity the man who finished second. He only had a

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Shot-by-shot, page 50



# Familiar old words mark passing of the age of consent

so that they can say "buggery" whenever they like, and before the Nine o'Clock Watershed. This sketch lost count yesterday of how often the Home Secretary said it: but as Jack Straw said "buggery" for the fifth time, I sensed an astonishing lack of interest.

Every now and then, an issue dies in the Commons. No death is announced, no obituary placed in The Times: indeed there is no corpse to bury. The death is more sub-tle. One day you go into the Chamber and an issue is alive and kicking. Two opposing sides, confident of their cause, dash. Sparks fly.

Some months later you return to the same debate . . . and life has ebbed away. The arguments may be unchanged, but one side, now, is only going through the motions. They've given up. Nobody is so vulgar as to crow, but the winners and losers know who they are. As a Parliamentary controThe dogs may bark but the circus has moved on. The concessions contained in the Sexual Offences Bill launched by the Home Secretary yesterday measures to protect the vulnerable from those in charge of them - have swung it for reform. Once swung, the dead weight of "commonsense"

mighty hard to swing back. How do we know that Age of Consent has died? MPs sense such things through

opinion among politicians is



MATTHEW PARRIS POLITICAL SKETCH

their pores. Ask not what they are saying - everyone always says the same thing - but how they are saying it, and who is talking. To know the wind, focus not on Members who can change the wind, but those who are changed by the wind. Joe Ashton (Lah, Basset-

law) is as persuasive a wind-

sock as you will find at West-

If a tabloid newspaper could speak, it would talk like Joe Ashton. To get his measure, ponder the phrase "rightminded folk". It is one of Mr Ashton's favourites. In the 1980s, rightminded folk were not campaigning to reduce the age of consent from 21. Nor was Mr Ashton. In 1994. rightminded folk could more or less stomach a reduction to 18. So could Mr Ashton, Last year, rightminded folk remained worried about the corruption of the young and op-posed 16. So did Mr Ashton.

Now, rightminded folk grit their teeth and accept "equality" so long as there is statutoprotection for those at school or in institutions. Mr Ashton has urged just such a

Ashton now supports the Bill. He told MPs so yesterday. "I'd like to thank the Daily Mail and the Express," he repeated, proceeding to read out an armful of newspaper clip-pings about paedophiles and their vile rings, "tuning in" to the Internet. Shocking But the shock was routine

Only one speech caught fire. It is not often a quiet backbencher can hold the whole House for twenty minutes with a speech as reasoned as it sure. It is in the Bill. And is heartfelt. Shaun Woodward

(C) has sometimes seemed a bland successor to Douglas Hurd as MP for Witney. Yesterday, supporting the Bill against the predominant opinion of his own side he emerged as a noble one.

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Otherwise there was little to raise a cheer, an eyebrow or even a smile. Gerald Howarth (C, Aldershoo, trying for the cheer, achieved the smile. "Yes, simply cannot have it both ways!" he cried, opposing the Bill. Can't you? Some of his colleagues have proved otherwise.

# MP compares gay laws to slave shame

By James Landale, political correspondent

A TORY MP last night compared equalising the age of consent for homosexual and heterosexual sex to giving

Supporting the latest move to reduce the age of consent for homosexual sex to 16. Shaun Woodward (Witney) told the Commons: "I believe that historians will look back on this period of discrimination against young people with the same opprobrium that we now look pack on those who sought to justify the slave trade."

Mr Woodward, a director of the charity Childline, said the issue was about "whether a relationship between on human being and another should be a eriminal act. This is not about urging young people to be promiscuous. It is not about anal intercourse. It is a debate about whether society should consider these people to be criminals at 16 just because of their sexuality.

He added: "As a Conservative. I believe in freedom and the rule of law. Why should the law intervene in the private affairs of citizens when it does no harm to others?"

The Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill will-equalise the age of consent at 16 in England, Scotland and Wales, will also make it illegal for anyone over 13 to have sex with a 16 or 17-year-old over whom they are in a position of trust.

The protection was pro-posed by the Government af-ter fears were expressed when the issue was last debated. The measures would protect those in full-time education, residential care, foster homes and secure accommodation, and hospitals. Those found guilty of the new offence could face two years in jail. Codes of conduct would protect the young in areas of the voluntary sector not covered by the Bill.

The measure is expected to pass easily through the Commons but to face fierce opposition in the Lords. The last attempt to cut the age of legal homosexual sex, through an amendment to the Crime and Disorder Bill last June, was backed by the Commons by a 207 majority. The Lords defeat-ed it by a majority of 168 after concerns were voiced about putting vulnerable young people at greater risk.

Opening the Second Reading debate, Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, said the age of consent must be equalised because the discrimination was in breach of the European Convention on Human

of encouraging one lifestyle as against another or of encouraging young people to have sex, equality before the law."

Mr Straw said the new "abuse of trust" offence was designed to protect the most vuinerable young people from adults where the relationship of trust was most strong. Some MPs, including Don-

ald Anderson (Lab. Swansea East), protested that the protective measures in the Bill did not go far enough and should include those looking after Scouts and Guides and holiday camps. "Why are you so timid and limited on this?" Mr Anderson asked Mr Straw.

Stuart Bell (Lab. Middlesbrough) asked Mr Straw to confirm that the Government did not plan to cut the age of consent to 14 or legalise homo-sexual marriages. Mr Straw replied: "We have no plans to bring forward legislation in respect to any of these issues."

Sir Norman Fowler, Shadow Home Secretary, said people did not take a prejudiced view of the issue but had concerns about whether the young might be at risk: "The majority would prefer this change not to be made. We should listen to the public and not move further to



Mairead Kelly, speaking for the relatives of dead IRA members, after meeting Adam Ingram at Stormont yesterday

# Beatings may prompt sanctions

By MARTIN FLETCHER CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE Government hinted at sanctions yesterday unless Northern Ireland's wave of punishment attacks were ended.

At meetings with the political representatives of the three main paramilitary groups, Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, demanded the "atrocious, barbaric" attacks be halted. "There were suggestions about what she could do in the future if she so chose," David Ervine, of the Progressive Unionist Party, ac-

knowledged afterwards. The Government is facing intense pres-sure to suspend terrorist prisoner releases until the attacks stop. The Tories have

morrow and two senior Labour backbenchers, Harry Barnes and Frank Field, yesterday tabled a Commons motion say-ing the releases should be slowed "as a po-

lineal sanction against an . . organised re-gime of increasingly brutal intimidation". Dr Mowlam said she would review the situation in a week or two if the attacks continued, but Tony Blair has admitted that halting prisoner releases could bring down the Good Friday peace accord.

Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness refused to meet Dr Mowlam, claiming she had changed the original purpose of the meeting, and sent more junior members of Sinn Fein instead. Mr McGuinness said his party deplored "punishment attacks", but blamed the lack of a police Mr Ervine, whose party represents the Ulster Volunteer Force, called the attacks

"immoral and reprehensible" and urged people to report problems to the police.

The human rights group Families Against Intimidation and Terror accused. republican and loyalist paramilitaries of 37 beatings and shootings this month alone. Government officials suspect Sinn Feln and the loyalist parties can tone down

paramilitary violence when it suits them. Relatives of IRA victims engrity con-fronted the families of eight IRA men-killed on a bombing mission yesterday. The republican families were leaving Stormont after a meeting with Adam Ingram, the Northern Ireland Security Minister, when the victims' relatives cried "shame"

# NEWS IN BRIEF 20-year-old death case: **OAP** held

of an unknown woman who was bludgeoned to death nearly 20 years ago, after DNA test-ing led to the reopening of the

Detectives from Kent trav elied to the north of England yesterday in a renewed effort to establish the identity of the young woman, thought to be a hitchhiker or prostitute, whose body was found in Bedgebury Forest, near Goudhurst, in October 1979.

The case was re-opened in October last year after forensic tests were carried out on evidence stored since the 1979 inquiry. Two weeks ago a Kent lorry driver in his early seventies was arrested in connection with the murder and released on police bail.

# Helicopter base

A new joint service helicopter command will be based at Wilton in Wiltshire, the Ministry of Defence announced yesterday. The headquarters of the combined RAF. Army and Navy unit will control more than 350 helicopters at 10 air bases. It will have around 12,000 personnel and oversee a budget of £300 million.

### Fee protest ends

Five Oxford students who were barred from university premises for refusing to pay their tuition fees said yester. day that they had decided to end their protest. Academics voted last week to suspend the ates and one from St Hilda's unless they ended their pro-test immediately.

# Uniform reverse

A university has dropped plans to charge student nurs-es £100 each for the uniforms they must wear while training, after complaints from Frank Dobson, the Health Kingston-upon-Thames University intended that 100 trainees should buy them out of their £5,300 armu

### Collymore case

Stan Collymore, the Aston Vil-la footballer, admitted speed-ing at 82mph in a 40mph zone. He did not attend Birmingham Magistrates' Court because he was in club talks about his future. The bench is considering a driving ban and adjourned the hearing until February 8 for Collymore to at-tend. Under stress, page 49

# Delayed justice

William Geary, 100 next, month, was fired from lrish police after allegedly accepting a £100 bribe from the IRA over 70 years ago. After persistently lobbying succes sive governments for a review of his case, it has now been referred to the Department of erations, and it will take longer to catch up on all backlogs." I foun by the Prime Minister. Justice, Equality and Law Re-

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# Pensions left £1bn short by computer troubles

nearly El billion which it has failed to pay into private and occupational pension schemes because of the bungled launch of a new computer system.

largest civilian computer system, which cost £140 million, are also forcing benefits to be calculated by guesswork for more than a million claimants, including pensioners, widows. unemployed and sick people.

The 160,000 new pensioners so far affected are losing an average £1.30 a week, although some are losing as much as £100 a week. Fewer than 15 per cent of Britons who invest in private or occupational pensions have had contributions paid promptly by the Depart-ment of Social Security.

When the computer crisis is resolved and the payments are finally made, savers will be offered compensation by the Government at an interest rate of 6 per cent a year. Pension companies argue that customers with schemes that in-

among the first to benefit

from the demise of News At Ten. ITV confirmed yesterday that the last of its full lopin

bulletins would go out on Fri-day, March 5. The first unin-

terrupted film to be screened

across its slot will be the 007

Executives also promised

that comedy, factual pro-

grammes, drama and a new

current-affairs programme

would fill the vacant airtime

to try to increase ITV's andi-

such as Kavanagh QC will get

late peaktime slots, and at

10.30pm there will be new

comedies, such as the forth-

coming 1970s teen show Days

ence share.

Feature length

Trevor McDonald

adventure GoldenEye.

vest in the stock market could have achieved a much better rate of interest and will have no chance to make up the difference.

Quentin Davies, Conservative social security spokesman, said: "Just paying the rebate with interest is not satisfactory. People must be put back in the position they would be in if the Government had not made these mistakes." The Contributions Agency

has said that it will only pay compensation to people owed El00 or more. This is grossly unfair," said David Rendel. Liberal Democrat social security spokesman. "For people who. are living on or near the breadline, even a few pounds a week makes all the difference." The National Audit Office

said the computer system had 1,900 problems, of which 1,589 had been unresolved. The computer switch began last July after three years' preparation. The supplier, Andersen Consulting, worked through the Christmas holiday with Contri-

screened on March 10.

cline last year and this year it

would try to reverse it, chief ex-ecutive Richard Eyre told ad-

vertisers yesterday. The huge

wants to be a Millionaire?

helped ITV to push its 1998 au-

dience share to 37.9 per cent.

Its 1999 target is 39 per cent

be piloted to try to repeat the success of TV Nightmares,

Man O Man, Give Your Mate a Break and Truth or Conse-

quences, all of which get series this year. Mr Eyre said: "How-ever great we make ITV, I

don't think it is reasonable to

imagine we can make it so fab-

ulous that people decide not to

Entertainment formats will

ITV halted its audience de-

ITV has good

news for Bond

BY CAROL MIDGLEY, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

JAMES BOND will be Like These. Golden Eye will be

castle upon Tyne but failed to clear the backlog. Andersen Consulting has paid £3.7 million compensation to the DSS.

Those with most to lose are new claimants, including people reaching pensionable age, becoming unemployed or widowed. Already 1.2 million people on jobseeker's allowance, 374,000 on incapacity benefit and 25,000 widows are affected. They cannot be sure of receiving the correct amount because their benefits are calculated on the basis of national insurance paid, and many of those payments are not yet on

the computer. The Government had been warned against introducing the new National Insurance Recording Computer System (NIRS2) at the same time as reforming pensions.

Stephen Timms, a Social Se-curity Minister, said: "It will take until the end of this financial year to resume normal op-

# Watchdog to lift lid on MPs' gifts

By ROLAND WATSON, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

clare all gifts, loans and hospitality from fellow members of Parliament under a new interpretation of rules by the incoming Parliamentary Com-

Elizabeth Filkin made dear yesterday that she believes a 25-year-old understanding of the interests MPs have to publish should be overhauled following the Peter Mandelson home loan affair. If accepted by the Commons, the change would lift the tid for the first time on gifts and hospitality. including the loan of holiday homes, between MPs.

The proposal would cover gifts to an MP or their spouse from another MP of more than £125, as well as other benefits worth more than £225. It

MPs would be forced to de- is likely to alarm some MPs who regard such deals as pri-vate affairs.

However, in her first public comments since Mr Mandelson resigned from government following the revelation: of his £373,000 loan from Geoffrey Robinson, the former Paymaster-General, Ms Filkin said that all arrangements be-tween MPs should be declared in the interests of transparen-

Mr. Mandelson registered his loan on her advice, but Ms Filkin, who takes over from Sir Gordon Downey next month, made clear she had not cleared him. She is still # report to the Commons Stand ards and Privileges Select Committee on whether she believes he should be censured.

# Yemen wants to try London cleric

Hamza al Masri, whom it accuses of masterminding the kidnap of 16 Western tourists the capital Sanaa say that the controversial London-based reicious leader is also behind a plot to blow up British targets

The demand comes just. days before five British Muslims are put on trial for their lives, accused of being behind the folled Christmas Day plot. At least three of the Britons are said to have confessed that

they were sent to Yemen by Sheikh Hamza, who preaches at the Finsbury Park mosque in North London. The Egyptian-born cleric,

who lost both his hands in Afghanistan, is also leader of the Supporters of Shariah group, which advocates the rule of Islamic law and whose Internet web page offered military training and depicted a hand grenade.

Security sources in Yemen say he ordered the British Muslims to contact Abu HasDaniel McGrory and Stephen Farrell on Sanaa's frustration

SABA said the letter called for

Shekih Hamza's extradition.

"for committing acts of terror-

ism and sabotage in Yemen and in a number of Arab coun-

The agency added: The let-ter expresses the discontent of the Yemeni Government with

the terrorist activities led by the terrorist Abn Hamza al

Masri and other people from

Sheikh Hamza last night dis-

missed the extradition request, saying he would not receive a fair trial, criticised Yemen's hu-

man rights record and

claimed the arrested Britons

were tortured into making their confessions.

He insisted he had no in-

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of three British tourists and an Australian, and received a satellite telephone call from Has-san during the abduction. In their confessions the men say Sheikh Hamza gave them \$2,000 (£1,250) to pay Abu Hassan for the weapons and their training at his terrorist base.

A security source in Sanaa said last night: "We believe Hamza is the mastermind behind both these terrorist operations. As the British police do not seem to be taking action against him we want to see him put on trial here." They claim to have intentrable evidence linking Shelkh Hamza to the kidnap and the bomb plot Scotland Yard is still investigating Hamza's alleged

Yesterday, Ali Abdullah Saleh, the Yemeni President, gave Vic Henderson, the Brit-ish Ambassador, a message fur Tony Blair, asking that Sheikh Hamza be handed over. The official news agency

ing about the truth as terror-ism I cannot deny that, but if you class sending people for terrorist activities then I had nothing to do with it," he said.

"Salman Rushdie's words sicken your heart and my words are ugly in your ears, but my words are the truth and his are false." Although Yemen has no ex-

tradition agreement with Britin, the Home Office said last night that an ad hoc request would be considered in the same way as any other. However, a spokesman refused to discuss whether an application had been received, saying we neither confirm nor deny extradition requests".

Among those arrested in Aden were Sheikh Hamza's stepson, Mohsen Ghailan and an Algerian who is engaged to his sister. His 17-year-son, Mohamed Kamal Mustapha, is still on the run. The men's lawyer, Salim Basunaid, will complain about their treatment when they appear in court tomor-row. Their appearance in court comes after pressure from Whitehall for the Prosecutor General in Yemen to



Sheikh Hamza outside the American Embassy in London in August after US aircraft bombed sites in Sudan

# thieves steal cars worth £350,000

BY MICHAEL HARVEY

A THIEF used a wristwatch to steal dozens of huxury cars after discovering it could unlock to two years. doors and switch off alarms, a. court was told yesterday.

Sajjad Aslam used the £50 sets and video recorders, to crack the codes on car key found the car codes. fobs. After programming the infra-red frequencies into his watch during test drives at car showrooms, he sent accomplices to steal the vehicles. Too

Minshull Street Crown Court in Manchester was told that Asiam, 29, masterminded a lucrative car-ringing racket for two years. He and his gang gave the stolen cars new identities and sold them through agents across Britain.

Previous owners' names in the false registration documents included the snooker star Steve Davis, the cricketer Wasim Akram and Alexander O'Neal, the soul singer. Police believe vehicles worth at least £350:000 were stolen, doctored and sold on. Makes included Mitsubishi Shogun, Toyota, Nissan and Rover.

Yesterday Aslam from Stockport, was sentenced to four and a half years in jail after pleading guilty to masterplice admitted conspiracy to

steal and were jailed for periods ranging from nine months

The racket was discovered when police arrested one of the accomplices, Biny Amim, 32. Casio watch, a programmable. He refused to take off his remote control for television watch and suspicious officers sent it for testing experts

Detective Constable Ian O'Connell, who led the inquiry, said watches like the CMD40 could be bought in any High Street. "These watchitems that 007 gets from Q in the James Bond movies but the fact is that they are very real and millions of cars are at

risk of being stolen."
He added: "I have worked on car crime for eight years and have never seen anything

A spokeswoman for Casio insisted the CMD40 could not be used to "grab" infra-red codes without the key owner's knowledge because the watch had to be placed within a few centimetres of the key fob. "We feel satisfied that the CMD40 presents no increased ability for car thieves," she said.

However, the AA said several million cars, mostly built before 1995, were potential victims to programmable remote

# £50 watch helped Judge criticises parents for protecting paedophile head

A JUDGE accused parents at a leading preparatory school yesterday of ignoring signs that the headmaster was a "fix-ated paedophile" because their main interest was the school's academic results, and some

were enjoying fee discounts.

They rejected a "wealth of evidence", said Judge John Wroath, who chaired an Independent Schools Tribunal into 13 complaints against Robin Lindsay, the headmaster and proprietor of Sherborne Preparatory School in Dorset. The three-strong panel unanimously ordered that Mr Lindsay, who resigned last June, should be barred from holding any school post.
The tribunal criticised the

Lindsay's professional association for failing to take action more quickly. The first investigation into allegations of "inap-propriate behaviour" took place in 1985 but an official no-tice of complaint was not served until last year.

Department for Education

The judge's most serious crit-icism was directed at the parents, who were said to have obstructed successive police and services inquiries. Many continue to support Mr Lindsay, in spite of serious pressed by inspectors, and consider traits such as walking around the school in pyjamas and an obsessive interest in

boys' physical development as merely eccentric.

and Employment and Mr Judge Wroath said: "The parents choose to ignore the wealth of evidence as to the appellant's unacceptable behaviour and grave shortcomings and cling to the perception that he was no more than eccentric.

oils. Mr Lindsay, who is now

"Furthermore, in many cases they did not want to look too closely. The school was achieving the academic successes the parents were looking for and a number of them were enjoying substantial reductions in fees." In Mr Lindsay's final year Sherborne had 41 boarders, whose fees were more than £8,000 a year, and 101 day pu70 and was headmaster for 26 years, withdrew his appeal against disqualification, waiving his right to contest the allegations. The complaints included charges of maladministration and regular lateness or absence from lessons.

The tribunal found that there was insufficient evidence to uphold three complaints of sexual assault made by former pupils. It did. however, accept the view of a forensic psychiatrist that Mr Lindsay was a 'fixated paedophile".

children at the school between 1981 and 1986, said: "The judge's comments are infuriating. How dare he suggest that we turned a blind eye?

# **Ex-soldier puts** the boot in for army footwear

By Susie Steiner and Elizabeth Judge

A FORMER soldier is demanding compensation from the Ministry of Defence because he says that training in heavy combat boots caused permanent disability in his Christopher Hossack, 32, ac-

negligence in letting him wear the boots for long-distance running. He says he was medically discharged from the Army and unable to earn a living. The MoD, which contests

cused the MoD yesterday of

the claim, told the High Court that Mr Hossack's problem was caused by flat feet.

Michael Curwen, for Mr Hossack, said: "Mr Hossack's case about the boot is not that it was entirely unsuitable for army use but simply it was not appropriate for as much running as he was required to do

Mr Hossack, from Sunderland, joined the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers in 1985 and took part in military training that involved running on Tarmac. He says he experienced pain in his ankles within a few weeks but put it down to his boots being new. Five months later he was given the highest fitness ranking possible and in 1988 was asked to join the battalion boxing team, which increased the intensity of his

training, After an operation in 1993 Mr Hossack was discharged in September 1994. He worked for a while as a lorry driver but has lived on incapacity benefit since 1997. Mr Curwen said: "Mr Hos-

sack has a crippling condition. He can't run at all, can't walk for more than a couple of hundred yards before feeling pain and he can't stand on his feet for any length of time."

He admitted his client suffered from flat feet. "We say that may have contributed to the problem but was not the source of the trouble." Mr Hossack is suing the MoD for £400,000. The case



# Pupil and teacher 'had sex at school'

A WOMAN told yesterday how she be-came lovers with her history teacher when she was a "besotted" 14-year-old. The former pupil, now 28, said that she and Daniel Angadi had sex on school premises and that he took topless pictores of her when she was a pupil at an independent girls' school in London. "I was desperately in love," she said.

Twice married Mr Angadi, from Ley-tonstone, East London, denies five charg-es of indecent assault in 1985 and 1986. Su-

san Tapping, for the prosecution, said that although the charges were indecent

assault they involved full intercourse. The former pupil told Southwark Crown Court that the relationship developed after a school play which was writ-ten by Mr Angadi. Her mother, a single parent, was concerned about her progress at school and encouraged her to get

extra help from Mr Angadi. He became a close friend of her and her mother before the start of the sexual relationship, which ended in 1990. The woman said that she blurted out what

had happened between the two of them to her former English teacher at a school function last year.

Under cross-examination she admitted that she had felt "jealousy and rage" when she learnt that Mr Angadi had started an affair with another woman while she was at university. She denied that she had made the allegations only because she was upset to learn at the function that he was happily married.

Mr Angadi says that the sexual relationship began only after she had left school. The trial continues.

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# Hitting circus animals does them no harm, says Chipperfield



cruelty to a chimpanzec

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

MARY CHIPPERFIELD, a prominent member of the world-famous circus family, yesterday told a court that kicking and hitting animals

Ms Chipperfield, seeking to justify hitting a crying baby chimpanzee because it refused to go to bed, said that inflicting pain did not necessarily harm animals. Ms Chipperfield, 61, denies 21 chasges relating to ani-mal cruelty and neglect, and said that she would do the same again. Ms Chipperfield told Andover Magistrates' Court that she "really cared about animals, but that kicking a dog that was lying in the way or a chimpanzee that would not do as she wanted was acceptable.

Her husband, Roger Cawley, 64. a government zoo inspector, admitted flouting the rules he was appointed to enforce. Mr Cawley, who de-nies seven charges of cruelty and nefion that elephants at his farm had been shackled for 24 hours a day on several occasions.

Mr Cawley said that he had had

the elephants shackled because "we were having staff problems and we didn't want to make staff work extralong hours on Christmas Day".
"I didn't think leaving them shacksuffering," he said.

Both Ms Chipperfield, who appeared in court under her married name, Mary Cawley, and her hus-band admitted knowing that one of their keepers, who was recently sentenced to four months' imprisonment for cruelty to elephants, had previously been imprisoned for man-

slaughter. Earlier, in evidence at the start of the second week of the trial, Ms Chipperfield said a change in the public perception of circuses had prompted her father, Jimmy, to reconsider what was good for animals and promote the freer environment of wildlife parks by introducing the concept at Longleat in Wiltshire. Ms Chipperfield told the court that she now did little animal train-

ing, concentrating instead on animal dealing. She said that during her career she had worked with more than 60 keepers, and that the thing they had complained about most was the harsh way she treated

Asked about her approach to the welfare of animals in her charge. Ms Chipperfield said she had bottlefed chimpanzees, lions, tigers and hippopotami in her home. She said that she had personally fed Trudi, the chimpanzee she is accused of treating cruelly, hourly after it was nearly killed by an adult chimpan-

Trudi was later transferred to a cage where, Ms Chipperfield admitted, it spent 15 hours overnight in a darkened box.

Ms Chipperfield said that by the time chimpanzees were a year old, they had developed langs, and that both she and her daughter had permanent scars after being bitten by them in the past.

Ms Chipperfield, who brought to

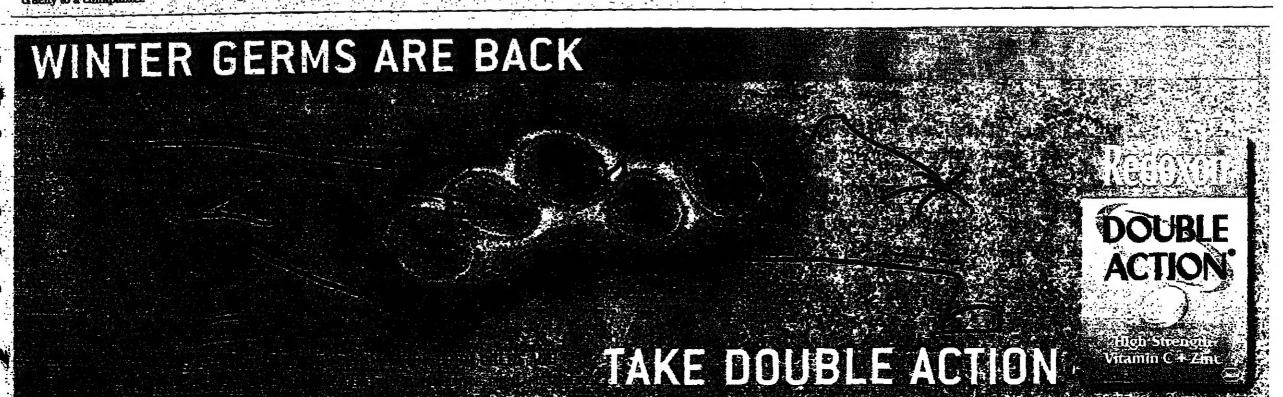
court the sticks and whips she was seen using on several animals in a secretly filmed video, said that she suffered from arthritis and could

not use much force when wielding them. She admitted hitting the chimpanzee after it bit her finger. "I gave her a couple of sharp ones. She would have felt them but they

her." she said. Asked to elaborate, she said that it was all right to cause pain when it did not do harm. Charles Gabb, for the prosecu tion, told her: "You are master of all the animals in your kingdom. They will do as you say when you say. If they don't they will be beaten."

could not possibly have harmed

Ms Chipperfield replied: "Not beaten." Asked how she would describe their treatment, she replied: Touched." The trial continues.



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Police concede fire death was racist attack Stewart Tendler on a case first treated as suicide

MICHAEL MENSON, the black musician who died after being found on fire in the street two years ago, was the victim of a racist gang linked to a series of such attacks, police said yesterday. They had originally treated his death as suicide.

John Grieve, the Deputy As-sistant Commissioner heading Scotland Yard's Race and Violence Crime Task Force, said detectives were hunting three or four attackers involved in setting fire to Mr Menson in Edmonton, North London, He appealed to any of them who might have stood back or been appalled by the attack and not taken part to come forward.

Mr Menson, a 30-year-old rock musician with a history

of mental illness, was found

naked and severely burnt ear-

ly on the morning of January.



28, 1997. He maintained before he died 16 days later that he

turned a vedict of unlawful kill-ing on Mr Menson after police had been criticised for their

handling of the investigation. Scotland Yard agreed to reo-pen the case and, in Decem-ber, Mr Grieve said it was behad been attacked in a racist

ing treated as a possible racist Yesterday, supported by the

ters, he appealed to the public for help. Mr Grieve said police knew there were other attacks that had not been reported and urged the victims to come forward. He asked if anyone had been racially abused and

wanted to know if there were people who had been threatened with being set alight as they travelled on buses or had been confronted with a riga-

Two people have called the

Menson, Mr Menson's sister, urged them to telephone again. Mr Grieve said police knew that people had talked about the murder. Race trime was, he said, "a brag crime". in an attempt to uncover wit

Menson, he also called on people to come forward who might have been involved in minor crime in the area at the time of the murder and had seen something. Many people

met his killers by ill chance. He had taken the wrong bus and met them on the bus, or at the end of the route. He asked if anyone else had been threatened on the bus, a W6, that



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# Right of secrecy for sex abuser is upheld

BY FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE right of known sex abusers to keep their past secret as long as they have no crimi-nal convictions — has been upheld by the House of Lords. Five law lords have backed a ruling by the Court of Appeal last October that if a sex abuser moved from one local authority area to another, details ofuser could not be passed.

The law refused to give leave to the waruon Borough of Croydon to challenge the Court of Appeal ruling that the sex abuser involved was enhad not been convicted in a

criminal court. He had been found guilty of sexual abuse in care proceedings, where there is a lower standard of proof — on a bal-ance of probabilities rather than the criminal test of beyond reasonable doubt".

The move comes as the Goverriment has pledged to give child care organisations de-tails of past records of job applicants in an attempt to stop sex offenders from applying to work with children:

Last October the Court of Appeal overturned a High-Court ruling that if a known sex abuser moved on, then such details could be passed on as a means of protecting children in the area

The man, aged 37, had been acquitted by a criminal court of attempted rape but in subsequent care proceedings a judge found he had abused three children in his care. He has since moved to a new area.

LACK STRAW yesterday announced automatic bans on

visitors who smuggled drugs into jail, despite opposition from prison governors and re-

The Home Secretary said

that, from April, visitors

caught with drugs would face a barr of at least three mooilis

When visits resumed they

would be subject to security

controls and prisoners who had previously been found with drugs would face regular

Last year 1,090 visitors were

caught smuggling. Mr. Straw said that drug use led to

gangsterism, intimidation, bullying and criminality in

prison when we are trying to

However, governors said

eradicate criminality

to find out more

intimidation,

dring tests and searches.

# Ashworth informer rebukes Dobson

BY MARK HENDERSON

THE patient who revealed the paedophilia and pornography scandal at Ashworth special hospital yesterday criticised Frank Dobson for refusing to close the secure unit as recom-

mended by a public inquiry.

Steven Daggett, who absconded from Ashworth in 1996 to draw attention to its failings, says in a letter to The Times that the Health Secretary "had decided to abrogate his political responsibilities" by ordering a security review ad of closure.

Writing from Rampton special hospital Nottingham shire, where he is now held. Daggett says that he is "deeply disappointed" by the missed opportunity for reforming a

The inquiry, chaired by Peter Fallon, QC, a retired judge, this month advised Mr Dobson to close Ashworth, on Mer Senior staff had let an eightyear old girl play unsuper-vised with child sex offenders and had permitted a trace in

drugs and pornography. Daggett, 38, from Skipton, North Yorkshire, who was convicted in 1986 of three sexual assaults on girls, urges Mr Dobson to accept the inquiry's findings that small, regional se-cure units should replace the

unwieldy special hospitals. He says that the Health Secretary has "entirely mis-judged" the crisis within the h-security hospital system and that his decision "may ulti mately return to haunt him".

that it was better for prisons to refer smaggles to police. Chris Scott, the president of the Prison Governor Associa-tion, said that prisons already

and the power to ban visitors

could cause further problems

by preventing inmates from

director of the National

eeing their children. Paul Cavadino, the policy

ciation for the Care and Reset-

tlement of Offenders, said that

the crackdown could be un-fair to prisoners' wives and

girlfriends, who were forced

by dealers to smuggle drugs

The Prison Service said that

visitors found with drugs would continue to be reported

to the police and would face

inst their will.

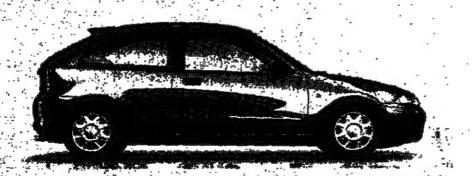
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Drug smugglers

face prisons ban

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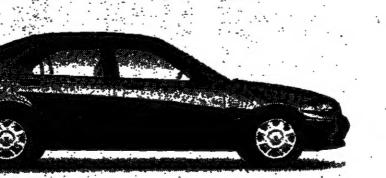
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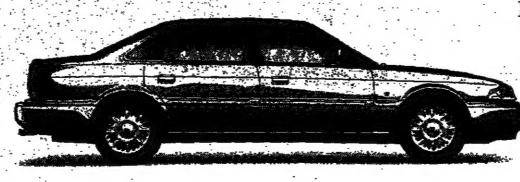
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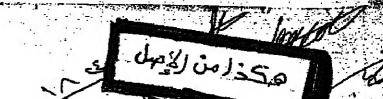
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# Trying to help children of the revolution

tion was illegal, the children of unmarried teeriage mothers were routinely taken away by social workers and given up for adoption. Within the space of two generations, unmarried motherhood is far more common and social workers are legally bound to prevent children having to be looked after away

from their natural families. The figures expose a revolution in social attitudes towards birth and marriage. In 1975, 9 per cent of all live births were outside marriage. The figure had risen to 23 per cent by 1985 and 37 per cent by 1997.

Alexandra Frean looks at the social changes that have led to a new plan for unmarried mothers Among teenagers, the rates are

even higher, putting Britain at the top of any league table. Although the advent of the Pill has meant a decline in the overall number of babies born to teenagers - from 63-500 in 1975 to 41,900 in 1995 - the percentage of those births taking place outside marriage has soared. In 1975, 32 per cent of births to women aged under 20 were to unmarried mothers. This had risen to 89 per cent by 1997 - nearly nine out of every ten teenage births. At the

same time there has been a massive fall in adoptions. In 1968, at its peak, nearly 25,000 babies were adopted in Britain. Today the fig-ure is closer to 6,000. In a recent study of teenage mothers, conducted by the Policy Studies Institute. one pregnant young woman summed up the feelings of many of her peers when she said she would rather have a termination than con-

sider giving her baby away. Partly as a result of these changes, there are now 1.6 million singleparent families in Britain, with a total of 2.8 million dependent chil-dren, up from 570,000 one-parent families and one million children in 1971. These dramatic shifts in publicatiitude have profound implications for policy and the public

Although reluctant to stigmatise single mothers, the Government is becoming increasingly concerned that, in allowing these trends to con-tinue unchecked, it may be sowing the seeds of intractable social problems for years to come. Reluctant to alienate Cabinet supporters who see lone-parent families as an acceptable alternative lifestyle, the Prime Minister has chosen to tackle the problem by enticing more single mothers off benefits and into

he workplace. Given that a lone parent with one child under the age of 11 gets hous-ing and other benefits worth £134 per week, and that there is a considerable body of evidence to show that children of working parents

perform better at school, it is seen by many as the policy line of least

The introduction of the working-family tax credit and a new child-care allowance means that the lone parent of one child under 11 would now be able to boost her income by E67 a week if she took a full-time (35-hour) job at the minimum wage of £3.60 an hour-enough to make a considerable difference to ber child's lifestyle.

In addition to this incentive, sin-

show up for compulsory interviews at jobcentres before they can claim benefit, but with no loss of benefit if they fail to attend. There they will get one-to-one help from a personal adviser to find work and top up their pay with the appropriate benefits and tax credits.

None of this, however, will succeed unless the Government can also improve access to high-quality. low-cost childcare. To this end it has launched a National Childcare Strategy, which is aiming to create one million extra day-care places for children aged 4 to 14.

# Judge halts porn film blackmail hearing

By PAUL WILKINSON

A MAN accused of extorting almost £500,000 from a retired bank manager who bought a set of pornographic videos more than 20 years ago was cleared vesterday after a judge described the alleged victim's evidence as "inconsistent and unreliable".

During the eight-day trial, Brian Crossling was said to have used threats of exposure to force Mr X to hand over pension pay-outs, sell and remortgage his homes and even borrow from friends.

The case at Newcastle Crown Court collapsed when Mr X said in evidence: "He didn't blackmail me as such, there was never any threat." He said that he had felt sorry for Mr Crossling, who had told him of a family tragedy. Mr Crossling, 40, from Roddymoor, Durham, denied

blackmailing Mr X and de-manding £449,500 between 1972 and July 1997.

Mr X said: "I took pity on him. Mr Crossling had a daughter who died. He was very depressed when it happened. She was about three and died from meningitis. He poured his heart out to me and asked me for some money. I felt sorry for him. He did not threaten me.

Judge David Wood told the ury: "There is no case against this defendant. Mr X's evidence was so inconsistent and unreliable that no jury could

# CJD victim's family wins verdict of misadventure

One meal of beef may have led to death, reports Simon de Bruxelles

A SINGLE meal of beef may have been responsible for the death of the first known victim of the human brain disorder linked to "mad cow" disease, an inquest was told

The family of Stephen Churchill, who died aged 19 in 1995, told the inquest in Wiltshire of his descent from typical schoolboy to shambling wreck. They had fought for 315 years for the right to an in-quest into his death from the condition that has since become known as new-variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, after "natural causes" was originally recorded as the reason for the disorder.

Dr James Ironside, of the CJD surveillance unit at the University of Edinburgh, told the inquest that the schoolboy had almost certainly contracted the disease from eating sausages or burgers containing in-fected beef.

The West Wiltshire Coroner. David Masters, who recorded a verdict of misadventure, said: "On the balance of probabilities the route of transmission is due to the random consumption of a meat prod-uct infected with BSE. It can be, and probably was, just one random consumption.

Since Stephen's death, 35 people have died of new-variant CJD and a further eight cases have been confirmed. As the verdict came in,

Stephen's mother Dot collapsed in tears. She was comforted by her husband David and daughter Helen. Mr Churchill said later: "It is quite a terrifying thought that one single meal could create such a dreadful disease in one person and randomly affect the rest of the population." His wife added: "When the

coroner said 'misadventure' it was like saying that Stephen should never have died. It brings it home that this disease was man-made, it should never have happened. There are so many young people dy-ing from this and it is tragic." Stephen, from Devizes, in Wiltshire, was a normal teen-

ager with an impressive aca-

demic record and an ambition

to become an RAF fighter pi-

lot when he first began to

show symptoms of brain dis-

ease. At first the symptoms were mild and attributed to depression. Stephen did surprisingly badly in his mock A lev-

els and left the Air Cadets. Then in August 1994 he nearly died in his mother's car when he found himself idexplicably driving on the wrong side of the road. Soon Ste. were told his condition was in-

phen's co-ordination and memory began to fail and he was suffering frightening hal-lucinations. He became a virtual recluse, emerging only re-luctantly from his bedroom.

Tests that he had in hospital suggested a degenerative brain disorder and his parents

curable. He was admitted to a nursing home, where he died in May 1995. Mrs Churchill said that it had crossed her mind that his illness resembled BSE, the then-mysterious

infection killing cattle. She said: "I did say to my husband that it might be related to BSE because you see the

cows staggering but we dismissed it as a stupid thought.
"We had a varied diet. One of [Stephen's] favourite foods was sausage. He did have burgers and spaghetti bolognaise, all the foods everybody ate during the 1980s." Last year the Churchills gave evidence to the

# Tributes to the man who saved the Mail

THE late Viscount Rothermere, proprietor of the Daily Mail, was interested not only in history, newspapers and beautiful women, but also in reincarnation, the congregation at his memorial service in Westminster Abbey was told

One of his editors, facing falling circulation but emboldened by drink, asked his boss if he was not worried that he might reappear in his next life as a roadsweeper. Lord Rother-mere immediately fielded the question: was the editor not worried that he himself might end up as a roadsweeper in his

More than 1,100 people, led by Tony and Cherie Blair, Wiliam and Ffion Hague and Sir Denis and Baroness Thatcher, filled the abbey to hear Paul Dacre, Editor-in-Chief of the Mail, describe his former chairman as the greatest newspaper proprietor of his age.

After inheriting the dying newspaper 27 years ago, Mr Dacre said, Lord Rothermere had not only rescued it by realising that there was a vast untapped market of emancipated women readers, he had also turned its owner, Associated Newspapers, into a major me-

dia empire. "He possessed that rare alchemy of contradictory talents a brilliant business mind and a talent for understanding the creative process of newspapers." Mr Dacre said.

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Stephen Churchill with his mother Dorothy, father David and sister Helen. He died, aged 19, in 1995

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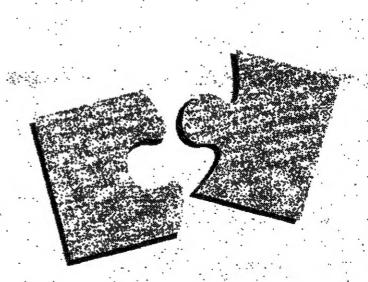
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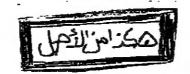
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# Lecturer's lone bypass stand angers locals

By SIMON DE BRUXBLIES

A LECTURER who gave up home and career to be an antiroads protester was yesterday singlehandedly blocking the

last stage of a new bypass.

Margaret Jones, who will be 50 on Saturday, is holed up in a derelict warehouse, the only remaining member of a group who broke in two weeks ago and declared "squatters' rights". Swathed in damp blankets and yelling through a hole in the roof. Dr Jones said yesterday: "It was not a huge step for me to do this. Politics has always been in me and I am doing it because I believe

Two years ago she was a lec-turer in American literature at the University of the West of England in Bristol, with a house in the suburbs. She gave up her job in 1997 to devote herself to environmental

Jones, who is single and does not have children, cut her final ties to her old life when she sold the house.

Eight protesters broke into the warehouse in Warmley. near Bristol, two weeks ago in an attempt to stop the Avon Ring Road scheme. Seven of them went out for provisions shortly afterwards and were unable to return after contractors blocked their path. Now Dr Jones remains alone behind the fencing and security guards, supplied through the

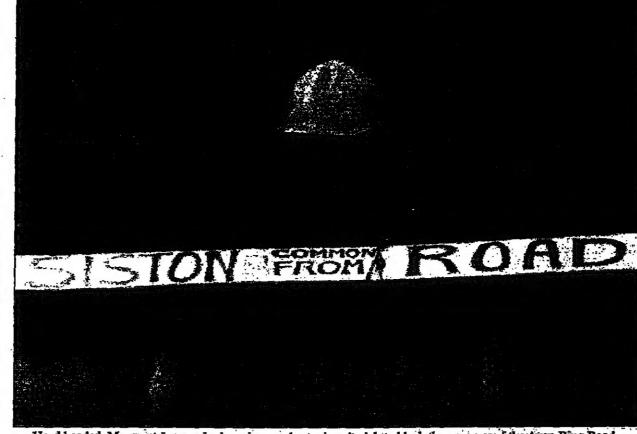
wire by supporters.

The ring road stretches ten miles around the eastern fringes of the city. South Gloucestershire council had been due to start work on the final stretch in 1993, but two campaigners, Barry McNeeney and Andrew Nicolson, conducted a legal challenge that delayed it for

project rose by £3 million and the two men's £100,000 bill was metthrough legal aid. The House of Lords threw out their case last April and £4 million was allocated to keep protesters away from the con-struction site at Siston Com-

Dr Jones's stand has angered locals who want the bypass completed to keep traffic away from residential streets. On Sunday, residents turned up to protest at the delays.

John Hunt, a Labour councillor and spokesman on planning and transport, said: Tob-ject to these self-appointed peo-ple [the campaigners] who try to impose their point of view on the masses. I know I speak for the vast majority of locals who have suffered years of misery with relentless traffic and noise. I could possibly understand if this was a new



Hard-headed: Margaret Jones, who has given up her university job to block the progress of the Avon Ring Road.

road, but all we are trying to her home in Hernfordshire do is complete an existing one. They are not from around here and they do not have the sup-

port of local people."

Dr Jones says she has been an eco-warrior "in spirit" since

gain an eviction order through the courts. Dr Jones's involvewas demolished to make way for a road when she was IL ment in "direct action" pro-She raught in the United States before returning to Brit-

tests has landed her in court in: the past, and she is becoming something of a legend among fellow protesters. Rowland The council is now trying to

Dye of Stop the Avon Ring Road, said: Margaret is a rehave tremendous respect for her." On Saturday they will attempt to smuggle in a birthBoy found hanging after row over mess

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A BOY was found hanging by his England football scarf soon after arguing with his parents

about his messy bedroom.

Adam Firth, 12, went to his room after being told off for not tidying it by his mother ful-ic and father Rob. They later found him hanging from his bunk bed Adam was a pupil at Balby Carr school Doneaster. A

spokesman said that teachers had told the 1,500 pupils of the death Adam was a model pu-pil, very friendly and well-mamnered. There had been no mainerest indication that anything was wrong the spokesman said.

Detective inspector Dick Venables, of South Yorkshire Police, said. It would appear the best with the police, with the police of the he had a primor dispute with his parents regarding the state of his jecthoon. These are tra-gic carrians and an inquest will be opened to look tim what exactly happened. At and Miss Firth, who are believed to have another son

and a daughter, were too upset

# Grieving isle advertises for young family

THE Hebridean isle of Iona is advertising for a family to move there after a boating accident wiped out almost all its young men.

A house, described as having B&B potential and previ-ously occupied by one of the four victims, has been advertised to let, but only families with young children have been asked to apply.

As is the case on most remore Scottish islands, Iona's population has been shrinking steadily over recent years but the accident in December has heightened the impact. The population stands at 102, of which 40 per cent are more

There is one baby on the island and the primary school's four pupils are due to move in the summer to Oban High School on the mainland. Unless there is an influx of youngsters, islanders fear that the

primary school may close. Evelyn MacPhail, an Iona community councillor, said: There are no other children of school age and if the school closed it would be another blow to the community.

"It would also make it more difficult to attract newcomers without a school. All those

who died in the boating accident may well have set up their own homes on the island and had families of their own. It is a very depressed island at the moment'

The four men were returning home from a Christmas dinner-dance on the island of Mull in the early hours of December 13 when their wooden dingy was swamped by a wave during the one-mile

David Kirkpatrick, 23, both fishermen, Logie Mac-Fadyen, 24, a farmer, and Robert Hay. 23, a tour boat operator. Their friend, Gordon tour boat, managed to swim ashore. The bodies were recovered earlier this month.

Gordon Grant senior, the father of the survivor, said: "There just aren"t enough jobs on the island and housing is a problem. The only work we have is through tourism during the summer and many of the houses here are rented out as holiday homes."

Bute District Council said the future of the school would be discussed at the next educa-

# They were Alisdair Dougall,

A spokesman for Argyll and

# Euro vote hope for caged hens

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

UP TO eight million hens arrive at slaughterhouses every year in Britain with broken bones, it is claimed today.

The battery cages in which most egg-laying birds are reared make bones brittle because hens are denied exercise, according to Compassion in World Farming.

The publication of the re-port comes on the eve of a vote in the European Parliament on the future of battery cages. In Britain alone some 30 million hens, about 85 per cent of the flock, are kept in cages. The report says that brittle

bones due to osteoporosis are common in caged hens, with one study finding that all birds were osteoporotic after a year of confinement. Philip Lymbery, the charity's campaigns director, said: "We urge Europe's politicians to ensure that breakfast in the new millennium involves breaking a free-range egg."

European MPs will vote on a proposal to increase minimum floor space per bird from 450 sq cm (less than a side of A4 paper) to 800 sq cm.

### CORRECTION

A report (Media, January 22) wrongly quoted Stuart Smith, who, together with Victoria Greetham, hoaxed Channel 4 into making a documentary about them, as saying, I get a high out of it, and it keeps me off drugs. In fact Mr Smith said "it's like being on a con-stant high but without drugs". The error, for which we apologise, arose from wrong infor-

# Wild boars 'should be eradicated'

BY NICK NUTTALL ENVIRONMENT

BRITAIN'S wild boars should be eradicated because of the risk they pose to wildlife and public safety, conservation experts said yesterday.

The Game Conservancy
Trust, which advises the Gov-

ernment on countryside issues, said there would be a growing risk of people being injured or killed if boars were left to breed unchecked. The trust also gave warning that the animals could damage crops, kill lambs and groundnesting birds and pass on diseases to free-range pigs. Up to 300 wild boars are at large in Kent, East Sussex and Dorset after escaping from commer-cial farms. Each female can produce two litters of up to nine piglets each year.

The trust's recommendations came in response to a Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food consultation document published last year. Dr Stephen Tapper, who wrote the trust's Wild Boar Consultation Report, said yesterday: "It would be irresponsible to do nothing ... These populations will increase and could get out of hand." He said that trained marksmen should be hired to eradicate the ani-

Keith Taylor, of the Wild Boar Association, supported the trust's call for eradication. A spokesman for the ministry said that the trust's report echoed recommendations made by the Central Science Laboratory, and that eradication was one option that minis-

mals, and thattighter controls

should be imposed on farms.

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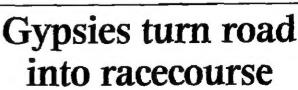
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undressing in his front gar-den. It worked like a treat as soon as I put it up," said Cyril Long, of Barham, Suffolk.



By SIMON DE BRUXELLES

GYPSIES who blocked a twomile stretch of dual carriage-

About 60 travellers stopped traffic on the A303, near Yeovil, Somerset, at 8am on Sunday and unloaded ponies and

pursued by police. 'They drove off with their boot lids up so we could not get the registration numbers," a spokesman for Avon and Somerset

police said. Motorists inundated the police with calls on their mobile phones when they found the westbound carriageway blocked. The spectators were cheering and betting on traps racing between the Podi-more roundabout and Ilchester bypass.

The police spokesman said that the departing spectators delayed traffic long enough to allow the riders and carts to escape and then made off through the village of Podi-

No arrests were made and police investigations are con-

Spielberg on top of the Globes



By DALYA ALBERGE ARTS CORRESPONDENT

STEVEN SPIELBERG paid Saving Private Ryan, judged to be the most realistic war film ever made, was voted best film and he best director at the Golden Globe awards.

Speaking at the Beverly Hills ceremony on Sunday night, he thanked the veterans who had "saved Western civilisation and stopped the Holo-caust in 1945", and had made his film possible.

While Spielberg stole the show for America. Britain was far from outdone: Michael Caine, Sir Tom Stoppard and Lynn Redgrave were among

those flying the flag.

Caine, 65, collected the award for best actor in a musical or comedy film for his per-formance as a sleazy nightchib agent in Little Voice.

In his acceptance speech he joked: "What a shock! My career must be slipping. This is the first time I've ever been available to pick up an award." His previous awards include an Oscar for best supporting actor in Woody Allen's 1986 film, Hannah and Her

According to Stephen Woolley, executive producer of Lit-

Branson's Guide to



Sean Connery and Michael Caine at a post-awards party

tle Voice. Came waived his normal star-sized fee. "I'm really pleased for Michael. He worked so incredibly hard. He wasn't being paid a huge Hol-lywood salary. He just loved

the screenplay."
They had worked together on Mona Lisa when Caine had lowered his fee to work with Bob Hoskins. He had done so again because of the script and the chance to work with Brenda Blethyn and Jane Horrocks. His instinct had paid off, Mr Woolley said.

The combined writing talents of Sir Tom Stoppard and Marc Norman won the best screenplay award for Shake-

speare in Love. The American actress Gwyneth Paltrow, who has become an honorary Briton after starring as British characters in both that film and in Sliding Doors, won best acress in a cornecty film. She beat off competition from Jane Horrocks, who delivered near-perfect impersonations of Marilyn Monroe and Mar-lene Dietrich in Little Voice.

Lynn Redgrave won the best supporting actress award for Gods and Monsters, in which she plays a crusty but loving maid to an ageing horror film director. She said: "It's been 32 years since I stood one of these on a mantelpiece and it's been

Hopes of the award for best actress in a drama going to Britain's Emily Watson, Jacqueline du Pre în Hilary and Jackie, were dashed when it was awarded to the Australian Cate Blanchett for her performance in the title role of Eliza-

Another British hope, Stephen Fry, nominated for his portrayal of Oscar Wilde in Wilde, was beaten to the best dramatic actor award by Jim Carrey for The Truman Show. Carrey's co-star, Ed Harris, was named best supporting actor. Jack Nicholson, who in the

past has been nominated for 14 Golden Globes and has won five, received the Cecil 8.DeMille Award for his "outstanding contribution to the entertainment field".

The awards, which are in their 56th year, are chosen by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association and are said to give a good indication as to who will win Oscars two months later. However, Shakespeare in Love could be limited to a best screenplay award as neither best comedy nor actress in a comedy feature in the Oscars. Michael Caine's category is also a non-starter.



Gwyneth Paltrow made an emotional acceptance speed

# Sarwar's election fraud trial is delayed

By GILLIAN HARRIS SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

THE trial of Mohammad Sarwar, Britain's first Muslim MP, was adjourned yesterday after a procedural delay.

The MP for Glasgow Govan, who faces charges of electoral fraud and conspiracy to pervert the course of justice, made no comment as he arrived at the High Court in Ed-inburgh with his wife, Per-

The trial, which will begin oday before Lady Cosgrove, is expected to last at least six weeks. Witnesses listed to give evidence include the Agriculture Minister, Nick Brown, who as Labour's Chief Whip oversaw the Labour investigation into the allegations against Mr Sarwar which resulted in the MP being suspended from the party.

Alan Johnson, the Labour MP for Hull West, and Jack McConnell, the former general secretary of the Scottish Labour Party, are also expected to give evidence. Mr Sarwar, 46, of Pollok-

shields, Glasgow, denies in-ducing by fraudulent means the electoral registration officer for Glasgow to add the names and addresses of four people to the Govan register in March 1997. He is also charged with breaching the 1983 Representation of the People Act by knowingly making a false declaration about his

election expenses. Mumtaz Hussain, of Lesmahagow, Lanarkshire, ap-peared in court with Mr Sarwar yesterday. He faces one



Mr Sarwar yesterday: hearing was adjourned

# charge of attempting to per-vert the course of justice.

inspectors Meat inspectors are to hold a 24-hour strike on February 2 in a dispute over pay and conditions that could disrupt supplies. Unison, their union, said yesterday that it had instructed nearly 1,000 of its members employed as inspec-tors by the Meat Hygiene Service to stay away from work on that day. Last week 352 inspectors voted for a strike, and 225 against, in a 57 per cent turnout after Unison rejected an imposed 4 per cent pay deal, backdated to last April. The union said that inspectors should have received 4.7 per cent, the same as Min-

### Diver suffocated

istry of Agriculture staff.

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Strike date

for meat

A post-mortem examination on Warrant Officer Rann, 38, serving with the 1st Battalion The Light Infantry in Cyprus, showed that he ran out of air while searching for a lost flipper when diving off Larnaca on Sunday.

### Scouts found

Four girl Scouts lost in fog for 12 hours on a hike across the Sussex Downs kept up their spirits by singing. The girls, aged 13 and 14, were located in the early hours of yesterday by a helicopter equipped with a heat-sensitive camera.

### Larkin's Way

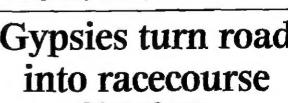
The poet Philip Larkin has had a street named after him in Wellington, Shropshire, which he described as a "hole of toad's turds". He worked in the town's library in the 1940s. saying he "never felt anything but degraded" by the post.

## Offer scotched

An offer by Go, the cut-price arm of British Airways, to give any passenger wearing a kilt a free Burns Night flight from Stansted to Edinburgh. flopped. Check-in staff wearing tartan caps had no takers

### Traffic stopper

A road-safety campaigner has stopped drivers speeding past his home by creeting a poster of the model Eva Herzigova



way to hold a trotting race were being sought by police vesterday.

traps from a small convoy of Several races took place before competitors and spectators fled down country lanes,

more.

# I'm no monster, says Sainsbury

LORD SAINSBURY of Tur-ville, the Minister for Science under attack over his links to research into genetically modi-fied food, hit back at the Tories yesterday by calling them an anti-business" party.

The Labour peer, who was until 1997 the chairman of the Sainsbury's chain of supermarkets, had been accused of funding experiments in food through a private charitable trust. He claimed the alleged "blatant conflict of interest" was impossible as his person-al fortune — estimated at £2 billion - was controlled by a blind trust over whose decisions which he had no say.

The Tories had claimed that Lord Sainsbury had chan-nelled money from the Gatsby Charitable Foundation, which the peer had set up in 1987, to the Sainsbury Laboratory in Norwich to experiment in genetically modified food. The foundation directs £20 million

a year to worthy causes. They also claimed that Lord Sainsbury's position on a Cabinet committee dealing with ne foods policy was a conflict of interest. Lord Sains-bury said: "What the Sainsbury Laboratory does is funda-mental research into disease resistance in plants. It isn't reMark Inglefield finds the minister accused over 'Frankenstein foods' ready to rebut the scaremongers

motely of value to Sainsbury's. That would conflict with charity law and a charity cannot personally benefit in any way a person who gives it money."

Lord Sainsbury, 59, would appear to be a very useful person to have in Government. Be-sides his business expertise, he is passionate about his brief — he even held his last wedding anniversary in the Science Museum - and he is reported to have given new Labour £3 million. But have the accusations that he is in a position to benethe post I've always wanted. I've always been interested in science and how it relates to quality-of-life issues. This is the ideal job to do something about that."

Lord Sainsbury, ennobled by Mr Blair in 1997, says the Opposition have put two and two together and made five. "I have very little to do with

any genetically modified food," he says. "All that is handled by Ministry of Agriculture and the Department of the Environment. The only

I think it is rather a shame that the Tories are becoming an anti-business party?

possible area where it might come up is the Cabinet commitfit from pushing the Government into allowing "Frankentee, which covers the whole of stein foods" on to supermarket biotechnology. The committee shelves ever made him feel has only met once and it didn't like throwing in the towel? come up then." He still ap-

points the trustees of the Gats-by foundation, but has a small

say in where the money goes.

Lord Sainsbury joined the
Labour Party after leaving
Cambridge, but as the party
drifted further to the Left in the 1970s he saw the need for a radical rethink. He joined the SDP in the 1980s. After it merged with the Liberals he devoted his time to Sainsbury's, resurfacing when Tony Blair became Labour leader.

He insists he is no bandwagon jumper. "I wrote a Fabian pamphlet in the late 1970s called Government and Indus-try: a New Partnership and basically that was new Labour before its time."

Were you or have you ever been a Socialist? "Um. I've always been a member of the Labour Party."

he says, again smiling. Lord Sainsbury insists that he would stand aside if he ever felt there was a genuine conflict of interest. I think it's very important that there aren't conflicts of interest in Government, but having said that I think it's very important that business people do come into politics," he says. He believes the Tories' point-scoring is further proof they are out of touch with modern commerce.



Lord Sainsbury: denied conflict of interest between research at the Sainsbury Laboratory and his role as Science Minister

When we had Conservative businessmen in government I think the Labour Party accepted the conventions about blind trusts and those sort of issues," he says, "so it's really rather a

shame that they are becoming an anti-business party." Lord Sainsbury is also keen: to point out that his shareholding has been handled correct-"All my Sainsbury shares are in a blind trust," he says. really contribute much. There on genetic modification of veg-etables, or as the tabloids put it; "Frankensteins grub", he says: "I don't think headlines

is a serious debate to be had about bindiversity and safety and the more the debate can be kept on those issues the bet-



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# has become a dirty business

the industrialists who has become a minister has had his business affairs subject to minute, even obsessive, examination and criticism. This goes well beyond maintaining questions about the type of people we want in politics and

Immediately after the elec-tion, Lord Simon of High-bury, the former chairman of BP, was criticised over his shares in the company. Then came the long-running Geoffrey Robinson saga over his offshore trusts and complex business interests. Last summer, the appointment of Lord caused a stir because of his previous position as chair-man of Scottish Media Group. This month, Michael small minister, has been

criticised over his television produc-RIDDELL tion company; while Lord Sains-bury of Turville has been accused of a conflict

of interest between his role as Minister for Science and the holdings in the family supermarket chain.

There is no evidence that any of these ministers abused their position in office. The criticisms of Lord Simon and Mr Wills are based on misunderstandings of the business world. The former was legally constrained about when he could sell his BP shares because of the inside information he had as a recent chairman, while it has taken time for Mr Wills as founder and predominant owner of his company to complete the legal steps to divest himself of his interests. Whatever else may be said about Mr Robinson, there is no evidence he did anything to benefit himself financially. He resigned because his value as a minister had

Their desire to get their own-back after the over-the-top attacks from Labour before find election is understandable but short-sighted. Their criticisms of Lord Simon and Lord Sainsbury have struck many in the City and industry

done nothing for the party's standing with business. The various Tory businessmen who became ministers followed similar procedures. using blind trusts and standing aside from possible coning like hyperactive investiga-tive journalists, the Tories should be seeking to strength en procedures to avoid such The present system is took

ing departmental interpreta-tions. As I have argued before, what is needed is an ethics. ioner or office to advise on potential conflicts of inters, as the Parliaards already does for MPs. The Gov-

coming inquiry by the Neill Public Life.

he underlying question is whether we want? · Lord Sainsbury rightly argues make a mark at the very top. the medium level, as Lord Simon and Lord Sainsbury now are, by providing private sector insights and a bridge to in-

The danger is that, otherwise, we will be stuck with more and more full-time career politicians with no outside experience. That is in no one's interests, as Tory spokesmen would discover from talking to Archie Norman, their party's chief executive who, at head of Asda, was one of Lord

Political in the pi

# Reclusive artist kept himself out of the picture

Dalya Alberge on legacy of man convinced of his greatness

TWO houses overflowing with paintings have been left by a reclusive artist who refused to sell his work during his

Theodore Major --- who, like his friend L.S. Lowry, was inspired by the industrial land-scapes of northern England repeatedly turned down offers for his work from public and

Fearful that his art would not be properly appreciated, he hoarded about 3,000 canvases. It was said that he bought a second house just to store his paintings, which lined the walls from floor to ceiling.

"He painted because of an obsession and he was very protective towards his work," said Michael Leber of Salford Art Gallery, which owns one of his works, Pit at Wigan, "I think he developed a healthy suspicion of the art establishment in general, although, as a teacher of art, he was part of it."

made the frames for his work.

Mr Ives recalled when Ma-

jor allowed his work to be ex-

hibited in Bolton in the late

1960s: "Lowry and Theo set off

to tour the exhibition, which

had about 30 or 40 pictures. I

followed them. They walked

sat on some steps. There was a

long pause. Lowry said, 'As

you get older, it don't get any

don't, that it don't'. And that

was the sole comment on this

exhibition ... Lowry would

never have made a personal re-

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mark about a fellow artist."

in their coffins.

The artist, he explained, feared that his work would suf-fer the indignity of being relegated to a darkened museum storeroom. The thought was too much to bear, particularly as Major was an artist con-vinced of his own greatness. He campaigned unsuccessfully for a gallery in Wigan devoted to his art.

The future of his personal collection was unclear yesterday, although dealers from London were believed to be interested. The decision depends on his daughter and his will.

Mary Major, a teacher and artist, said that some of her father's works were likely to be sold to support a charitable trust fund. She said she understood his refusal to part with the paintings. "He was entirely devoted to his works," she said. "They were almost like his children. He had a vision of art. It was more of a religion than a money-making busi-

Mr Leber said that Major deserved his own gallery: Some of his work is a major contribution to 20th-century British art. He did a number of works based on the Wigan area which are about death and decay. The figures are almost skeletons."

The artist was described as "an egocentric old chap" by Lawrence Ives, a collector who was also a friend of Lowry. He said yesterday: "Theo also



Rooms with a view: Theodore Major filled two homes with his paintings, which his daughter said were almost like children to him



Lowry: few words on

# Art thieves 'had a shopping list'

ARMED robbers who stole paintings worth £2 million from York City Art Gallery ignored works at least as valuable, police said yester-

two thieves, who called each other Bert and Tony. were working to a "shop-ping list" put together by

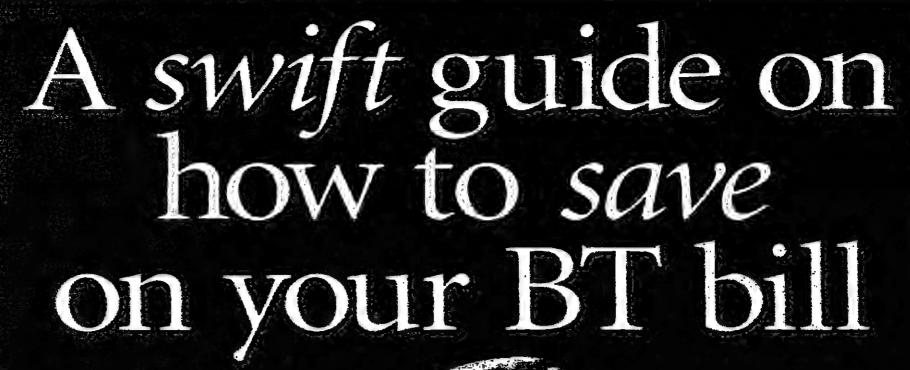
underworld art experts. Among the paintings they passed over during the raid on Friday evening were two by L.S. Lowr uable as the £500,000 Turner they did take.

The watercolour, a view

of Rievaulx Abbey in the early 1820s, was one of 20 paintings and decorated wood panels stolen.

A spokesman for North Yorkshire police said: "It lowing orders and were not art lovers or collectors themselves. One other theory is that they were after just one good picture, maybe the Turner, and decided to add a few more to their coilection just for good luck."

Art dealers have been asked to keep a look-out for the stolen works and a catalogue has been circulated to other police forces.

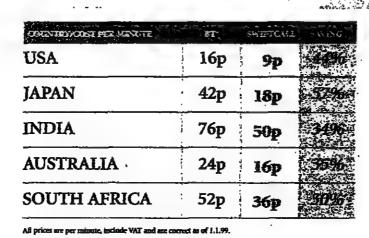




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# Iraqis claim civilians died in air attack

By MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

IRAQ accused American and British military aircraft of firing missiles into residential areas in the southern port city of Basra yesterday. The Iraqis also claimed that several civilians, including women and children, were killed and wounded in the attack. Britain denied any involve-

ment. Washington confirmed that its warplanes had been in action over the southern no-fly zone after an Iraqi incursion. but said they had attacked air defence systems north of Basra, American aircraft later attacked three separate anti-aircraft facilities in the northern no-fly zone after they were tracked by ground radar and came under fire by surface-toair missiles.

There have been numerous clashes since Iraq declared that it would challenge British and US warplanes in its skies after Operation Desert Fox in December, but yesterday's incidents appeared to mark a serious escalation. Iraq has admitted boosting air defences in the south in the hope of hitting allied aircraft.

A producer for the Ameri-can television network CNN saw 12 houses destroyed in a poor residential area of Basra. Local officials said II people had been killed in the findis-



criminate and savage" attack. Basra airport and an oilfield had also been hit, they said.

In the initial confusion it was unclear whether stray missiles were to blame. Washing-ton said two bombs landed outside their target areas but had no reason to believe they were responsible for civilian casualties. Baghdad's critics in the past have accused Iraql gunners of shielding behind the civilian population.

The incidents in the no-fly zones, established in the wake of the 1991 Gulf War to protect the Kurdish and Shia communities, came as an isolated Iraq fulminated against the Arab League's decision to issue a resolution critical of Baghdad. Furious state-run Iraqi newspapers said it had provided cover for more American and British attacks instead of condemning last month's Opera-

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An American FI5E Strike Eagle, one of the aircraft

ed to mount further today when Iraq's rubber-stamp parliament meets in special session to discuss the issue of Kuwait. The session follows calls from prominent deputies for the Government to withdraw traq's 1994 recognition of the tiny emirate because sanctions

have not been lifted.
"We could be back to 1990," said one Gulf Arab envoy.
"Iraq's attitude is that it has honoured its commitments but the Security Council is refusing to do its job."

President Saddam Hussein accused Kuwait and Saudi ting world oil markets to the detriment of other Arab states and the benefit of the Americans. The two countries had handed "America and Zionism knives to pierce Arab nations with", he said. His remarks echoed Iraq's com-plaints against Kuwait before the 1990 invasion.

The Iraqi delegation walked out of the stormy Arab League talks in Cairo on Sunday when foreign ministers demanded that Baghdad renounce "provocations" against its neighbours and comply with United Nations resolutions before economic sanctions could be lifted.

The foreign ministers made clear their sympathy for the Iraqi people, but offered none to Saddam's regime. They expressed "sorrow and displeasure" over the military option against Iraq but offered no exlicht condemnation of the four-day attacks in December. Baghdad had demanded that Arab League members bypass the UN and lift sanctions. Muhammad Said al-Sahaf.

the Iraqi Foreign Minister, blamed Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Syria for the tone of the resolution, which newspapers said was drawn up "in adrance by the Americans".

Instead of condemning the US and British aggression against Iraq, these plotters. these corrupt parties and hypo-crites blamed Iraq and put the responsibility on it," commented al-Jumhuriya.

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A curtain of smog envelops Mexico City — top of the dirty-air league when sulphur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide are included in the cocktail of total atmospheric pollution, according to the World Resources Institute.

# Stressed-out rats shed light on how humans fall ill

From Nigel Hawkes SCHONCE EDITOR IN ANAHEIM

TWO strains of rats, one calm and the other jumpy, are throwing new light on human

Although almost identical in other respects, the two strains tend to suffer different diseases. The calm rats develop rheumatoid arthritis, allergic skin diseases, asthma and the rodent equivalent of multiple scierosis. The nervous rats are far more prone to colds and influenza.

The difference, said Dr

Esther Sternberg of the US National Institute of Mental Health in Bethesda, Maryland, lies in how rats respond to stress and the effect it has on their immune systems. Applied to humans, it may help to explain the occasional effectiveness of alternative medicine, or why some people in medical trials get better even when given sugar pills.

The calm rats, which Dr said that jokes provoke laugh-Sternberg compared to laid-back Californians, respond to ter because they are nature's false alarm system. "A typical stress by pumping out low levjoke takes the listener along a els of the stress hormones. path of expectation, then at One role of these hormones is the end throws in a punchline to control the immune rewhich involves a complete reinterpretation of everything that has gone before," he said. "It is the violation of expec-tations that makes jokes funsponse the body's mechanism for fighting off infections. If too little is produced, the im-

mune response remains turned up, and may actually damage the body by turning against it, in the auto-immune ny. The reason we laugh is to alert other people that it is a false alarm — what has hap-pened is not a serious threat." liseases such as rheumatoid The jumpy rais, which she

As an example, he cited the traditional slapstick joke of a fat, self-important man slipping on a banana skin. This is tunny if he merely loses his

The light the rats cast on the links between mood and disease were discussed on Sunday at the meeting of the Advancement of Science tr Anaheim, California.

compared to New Yorkers,

have the opposite problem.

They produce too much stress

hormone, which turns down

the immune response so far

that they make themselves vul-

inerable to ordinary infectious.

arthritis and MS.

☐ A WOMAN who laughs uncontrollably when pricked with a needle has illuminated the nature of jokes.

She suffers a particular kind of brain damage which makes a painful experience seem funny, a neurologist from the Centre for Brain and Cognition at the University of California at San Diego told the conference on Sunday. Dr ·V.S. Ramachandran

A car being tested for emissions in Beijing

dignity, but if he cracks his skull open on the pavement and bleeds it is not tunny, Dr Ramachandran said.

In the case of his patient, who laughed when pricked with a needle, the brain damage lay in the links between the place in the brain where the pain is perceived and the place where that perception is processed in the emotional centres of the brain. "One part of the brain said pain, but the other said: it's no big deal. So she laughs," he said

CHILDREN in the major cities of China and India breathe air so full of pollutant particles that it is equivalent to smoking 40 cigarettes a day, a leading environmentalist claimed yesterday. Dr Devra Lee Davis of the

World Resources Institute, a think-Washington-based tank, said explosive growth of traffic and industry has led to poliution, levels far greater than World Health Organisation guidelines. Of the top ich airtiest chie

measured by total amounts of particulate matter in the air, nine are in China and one Rajkot, in India, she said.

When sulphur dioxide and nitrogen dioxide are included. a different picture emerges. Making allowance for the number of children under five living in each city produces a league table in which Mexico City is top, followed by Bei-jing, Shanghat, Tehran, Cal-cutta, Bombay, Delhi, Tianjin, Manila and São Paulo.

# Family of five shot dead in Kosovo hamlet

FROM TOM WALKER IN BELGRADÉ

BRITISH monitors in Kosovo yesterday alerted the Serbian police to the deaths of five ethnic Albanians, whose bodies were found shot and burnt on a tractor and its trailer in an area the local authorities said was controlled by the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA).

A retired British Army briga-dier, Ian Macleod, brought six teams of international momtors to see the bodies in the hamler of Rakovina, on the road leading from the western town of Djakovica towards

Sources close to the monitors said the victims were shot with a heavy machinegun on Sunday before their tractor and trailer, laden with corn. caught fire. Two of the dead were children; all were said to be from the same family. There was no confirmation on whether they were refugees.

The monitors helped to es-

cort a Serb investigating magistrate to the scene, near the so-called Ho Chi Minh trail constructed by the KIA to transport supplies between its central Drenica and western Decane zones of control. The Serb media centre in Pristina claimed there had been no police patrols anywhere near the area for several days.

The incident is the worst in Kosovo since the Racak massacre that claimed 45 Albanian lives ten days ago.

The American envoy, Christopher Hill, met the ethnic Al-banian leader, Ibrahim Rugo-va, in Pristina yesterday to "run-through Contact Group thinking", according to an aide to Mr Hill. There are persistent rumours of a conference in Vienna at which Mr Rugova and political representatives of the KLA would try to find a common voice and an agenda falling short of ourright independence.

A spokeswoman for the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), meanwhile, dismissed as "ab solute rubbish" reports that the senior international monitor, William Walker, might take an extended period of leave from his duties in Kos-JVO. NIE WAIKET IS denounced by senior figures in the Serbian and Yugoslav Goveroments, who maintain that he should be expelled from Yugoslavia for his comments on Racak

Even the OSCE chairman, Knut Volleback, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, seems to have distanced himself slightly, saying Mr Walker "reacted emotionally" in the massacre village and that "it would have been cynical and inhuman if he hadn'r.

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# 'Miracle' as boy survives -50C flight

Paris: Doctors have hailed as a miracle the survival of an ad-olescent boy who hid in the undercarriage of an aircraft on a flight from Senegal to France

(Ben Macintyre writes).
They say that he should have died of cold or suffocation. The boy, who claims to be aged 15 and has not been identified because he is a minor, spent five hours huddled near a wheel in the undercarriage as the aircraft reached an altitude of more than 30,000ft and the temperature dropped to -50C (-58F).

He was discovered, suffering from advanced hypother-mia, after the Air Africa Air-bus from Dakar landed at Lyons airport a week ago. The boy is now believed to be out

Scientists

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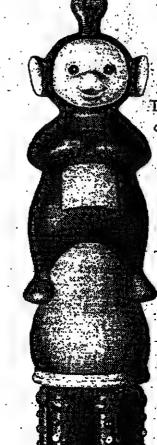
IN THE first of a new series of lectures startingtomorrow, Dr Martin Westwell a chemist from Oxford University, will desuperbug. For the first fine, modern medicine has no antibiotics with which to fight the most deadly bacteria

The lecture will be held at 7 30pm at the Royal In-stigation of Great Britain. 21 Albemarie Street, Lon-don: WIX 4BS. For tickets (\$5/£3 cones) please call DITI 670 7985; Models will be held for collection at

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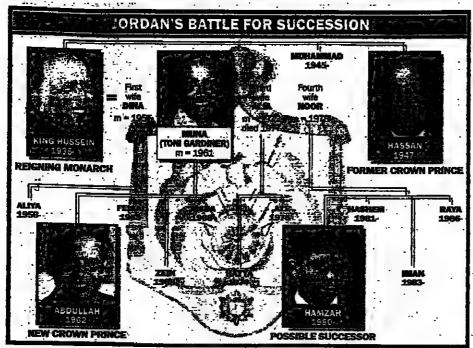
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# Hussein plays safe by opting for eldest son

KING HUSSEIN of Jordan has ended days of speculation and confirmed by royal decree that his eldest son, Prince Abdullah, 36, is his heir in place of the King's 51-year-old brother; Prince Hassan, who had held the position of Crown Prince for 34 years.

The decree was signed on Sunday night after a spate of rumours that under the influence of his American-born fourth and current wife, Queen Noor, the King might have passed the succession to their son, Prince Hamzah, who is still a ternaner.

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Many senior Jordanian politicians had given a warning that such a move could provoke unrest. Toujan Prisal, Jordan's only woman MP until her defeat in last year's election; said: "Hamzah would have suffered the saine fate as Faisal [Hussein's cousin, mundered when King of Iraq in 1958] because the people would have seen his promotion as blatantly unfair and a sign that behind the scenes the Americans were trying to run our country."

Mrs Faisal, who sat as an opposition independent in the
lower house of Parliament,
added: "After the plan was
floated, the King saw it would
be too risky to take the Hamzah option. Instead he opted
for the much safer move of
switching the succession back
to Abdullah. But there are still
many Jordanians who resent
the way that Hassan has been
dealt with."

Some officials said that Prince Hassan had taken the news "like a soldier" and imKing's decision strengthens the English link,

Christopher Walker writes

while others claimed he had sought permission to take a holiday abroad and was seriously considering leaving the country. Most senior aides dismissed this suggestion.

The reappointment of Prince Abdullah to the role he held briefly in the early 1960s as a toddler has revived traditional British influence in Jordan. His English-born mother Princess Muna (nee Toui Gardiner) is an occasional visitor to Amman, and the Prince himself served happily for a time in the British Army in Britain and West Germany. As both Princes—Abdullah and Hamzah—had foreign born mothers who converted to Islam, the Crown Princes—back—girtinil was described in royal

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znuma. www.accessme.com/turak circles as no longer seen as a bar to his succession to the throne that Hussein took over 47 years ago at the age of 17.

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Senior politicians said that the King's encounter with his own mortality during his second major cancer scare in only seven years had prompted him to move quickly to restore the Hashemite monarchy's succession to a son who would carry on his own legacy.

For months, Amman had been plagued with rumours about different sons being favoured, speculation that was fuelled when the King was perceived as taking an action or expressing a sentiment in support of one or other of them.

Palace sources said the King had wayered briefly before

had wavered briefly before signing the historic decree replacing his younger, Oxford-educated brother who had been his close confidant and had repeatedly acted as regent since his appointment in 1965, a time when the King feared early death from assassination and an end to the Hashemite firm.

Mast night politicians said

"that he was concerned that, despite perceived blunders during the past six months, his brother should be given a gracious dismissal to ensure that his removal did not cause future dissent in the family ranks. They claimed that the monarch, who has a reputation of acting magnaminously towards even his bitterest political enemies, might be planning to appoint him as his deputy in economic areas and the Middle East peace process areas to which Prince Hassan has devoted his working life.





The chosen one Top, Prince Abdullah and brother Faisal with Muna, their mother, left, the Prince's parents on their wedding day in 1961; right, the Prince on parade

# Down-to-earth blonde who won royal heart

By CHRISTOPHER WALKER

KING Hussein of Jordan's decision to reappoint his eldest son, Prince Abdullah, as heir has propelled back to the limelight one of the most unlikely and umassuming Englishwomen ever to play a major role in Middle East affairs.

When Toni Gardiner, then 19, became the King's second wife in 1961 it appeared like a fairytale romance for the blonde, down-to-earth girl who had met her husband-to-be when a young RAF officer took her Scottish-dancing at the King's house at Shuneh, beside the Dead Sea.

The daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Walker Gardiner, an officer who had stayed in Jordan after the British Training Mission was broken up in 1959, Ms Gardiner became a Muslim, a Jordanian citizen and took the name Muna al-Hussein (Hussein's Delight).

Hussein (Hussein's Delight).
The King's first wife had been the Cambridge-educated Queen Dina. But with Ms Gardiner he seemed to have found the ideal partner, although some leading Jordanians had reservations about the offspring of a converted Muslim and English-bornwoman ever succeeding to the Hashemite throne.

"Toni was a vivacious outdoors girl with simple tastes
and no intellectual pretensions," wrote Roland Dallas,
the King's biographer. "She
was pretty, charming and the
same height as the King.
"Like Hussein, she enjoyed

"Like Hussein, she enjoyed riding, swimming, dancing and parties... She could not drive, and Hussein took delight in teaching her. They went go-karting together."

went go-karting together."
The King wrote in his autobiography: "For the first time in my life, here was a girl who took an interest in me as a human being and not a King." The marriage lasted until 1972, during which time the Princess (she did not wish to be called Queen) bore the King four children, two boys and twin girls, of which the eldest was Abdullah, born on January 30, 1962.

He was briefly created

Crown Prince until King Hussein, unnerved by several assassination attempts, altered, the succession in favour of his

brother, Prince Hassan, 51, who was unceremoniously stripped of the role last week.

Despite a divorce soon after the King's eye lighted on Alia Toukan, a beautiful member of a Palestinian family with deep roots in the West Bank city of Nablus (who, as Queen Alia, was to be killed in a helicopter crash). Muna has re-

mained a respected figure.

"She behaved with great dignity, turning down many other proposals of marriage and never speaking out bitterly about the divorce," a senior Palestinian journalist said yesterday. "She moved abroad, but has been back to Amman many times for family events like the birth of grandchildren, and remains one of the most-liked members of the Royal Family."

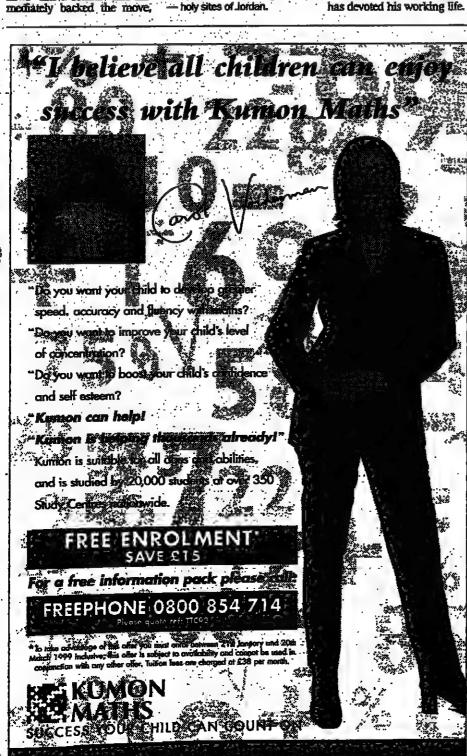
British diplomats are cocka-hoop that the King has set-

### She behaved with great dignity, never speaking bitterly of the divorce?

tled for an heir with English roots rather than his favourite son, Prince Hamzah. 19, the eldest son of his fourth and present marriage to the American-born Oueen Noor.

"There is no doubt that the Americans were plumping for Hamzah, hoping their influence on Jordan's future would rise proportionately," said a prominent Amman banker. Palace sources said that the king had eventually alighted on Abdullah because of his senior army role and his realisation of the bitterness — and possible violence — that the irregular promotion of Hamzah would provoke.

Abdullah has strong support in the tribally dominated armed forces and strong links with the Palestinians, who make up over 60 per cent of Jordan's population, via his wife Rania, from the West Bank town of Tulkarm.





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# Mercenaries' rage kindled by atrocities

tinue to murder priests and missionaries, and amputate the limbs of civilians left to their mercy, battle-hardened mercenaries are vowing their willingness to "do the job for nothing - just to finish the

Fred Marafono MBE, a former warrant officer with the SAS, is now a mercenary for the Government. Aged 58 and a veteran of British campaigns in Oman, Borneo and Northern Ireland and scores of covert operations which took him from Mexico to South Africa, Mr Marafono should have hung up his gun

years ago.

He is of Fijian origin, and on retiring from the SAS after 28 years said he could not face "just sitting about". He joined Executive Outcomes, a South African company offering mercenary services, to fight for the Sierra Leone Government against Revolutionary United Front rebels in 1994.

Often unpaid, their lives at risk, the men of Executive Outcomes lost their contracts with the election of President Kabbah. But Mr Marafono stayed on, contracted directly to Ecomog, the Nigerian-led West African peacekeeping force fight-

Sierra Leone's rebels violate even the rough code of African conflicts, writes

Sam Kiley

ing the rebels. Ecomog officers admit that they would have lost Freetown last month without Mr Marafone and his comrades - "Juba" Joubert and Neil Ellis, both South Africans, and their Ethiopian engineer, Sindaba. They are the crew of "Bokkie", a M117 helicopter flying seven hours ■ day to resupply soldiers and give support from the air against anti-aircraft guns used to terrifying effect on West Afri-

"Without these guys, we would have run out of food and ammo and fled the front. They are amazingly brave. I know they do it for money, but I wouldn't do it for anything, " said a Nigerlan lieutenantcolonel, himself a veteran.

have also clearly been horri-fied by what they have seen in As a crew, providing the services of Bokkie, they earn Sierra Leone. They recently met Lamen Jusa Jaka, a teacher, who sat on the floor in a corridor of the Connaught Hospital, pointing the bloody stumps of what used to be his hands at the

"I begged them not to do it, I begged them," Mr Jaka said. "But I knew it was no use. I just looked to the sky when they brought the axe down on my wrists. They seemed to be enjoying themselves."

- when the money is paid. At the moment, the Bokkie crew

are owed for seven months' fly-

ing. But memories of recent

scenes at Freetown's Con-

naught Hospital, and the cold-

blooded murder of Catholic

priests and nuns by the rebels, keep them here. Killers them-

selves, they have no qualms about dispatching hundreds of

their enemies in a hail of fire. "I love it, it's fantastic," Mr

Ellis said about letting loose a

"brief burp" from Bokkie's ma-

chineguns. He is a veteran of

the apartheid-era South Afri-

can special forces. But the atrocities in Sierra Leone have

also brought out the humanity

behind the armoured shells of

happening here. There is no way we can give up on these

people. They are my people now. I am one with them," Mr

Jean-Jacques Fuentes.

former pilot with the French

special forces, and "Matthew"

his co-pilot, who fly reconnaissance missions for Ecomog.

Marafono said.

these soldiers of fortune. There is nothing in the world that can justify what is

Someone dropped some drugs into a pocket he will never be able to use again and told him to go home.

"Home? Home? Where is home? It is a pile of ashes. I have nothing. I cannot ever scratch myself again, or blow



A girl whose hands have been cut off waits for treatment at Freetown's Connaught hospital, which has been filled with patients mutilated by Sierra Leone's rebels

my nose, write, dig — I am fin-ished." He shuffled off, carry-ing his arms at right angles to

the ground.
M Fuentes said: "I can't take any more of this. I really can't. After this job, I'm going to quit, I promise." Himself a vereran who has fought for Mobutu Sese Seko in Zaire and Dennis Sassou-Ngeusso in Congo-Brazzaville, he added: "I don't like it one bit - being made to feel human again because

some child has had her hands chopped off." ☐ Journalists seized: Two Eu-

ropean journalists were abducted yesterday by Sierra Leone rebels, who later told one of them to deliver a demand to the authorities.

Patrick Saint Paul of the Paris daily, Le Figaro, told reporters that he and Javier Espinosa, of the Spanish newspaper El Mundo, were seized at Rukupa, near Wellington, an

eastern suburb of the capital, Freetown.

The rebels headed with the two into the nearby bush where they later released M Saint Paul. The Frenchman said the rebels had ordered him to pass on their demand for negotiations with the Nigerian-led Ecomog forces.

They said they would not release Senor Espinosa until their demand was broadcast

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# **More Christians** attacked in India

Pradesh said yesterday that five Christian missionaries were beaten up, a day after an Australian missionary and his two. sons were burnt alive by a mob of Hindu zealots. The latest victims of a rash of attacks on the country's minority Christian community occurred on the banks of the River Ganges in

N. Ravi Shankar, the state's Home Secretary, said the five Christians belonged to a missionary organisation called "Faith in Jesus" from Kerala state, where 23 per cent of the population is Christian. The victims were said to have been handing out pamphlets. (Reuters) Leading article, page 19

# Ice fishermen safe.

Moscow: Nearly 400 fishermen stranded on ice-floes and swept out to sea off the island of Sakhalin in Russia's Far East returned to land safely. The floes broke away from the coast and drifted for about an hour before the current pulled them back towards the shoreline at Cape Lesnoy, Moscow's Echo Radio reported. Ice fishing, on frozen lakes or rivers, is a winter tradition in Russia, drawing dozens and sometimes hun-dreds of fishermen to holes drilled in the ice. (AFP)

# BA man escapes trial

Fairfax, Virginia: A British Airways flight attendant avoided a trial here by pleading no contest (neither admitting nor denying guilt) to assault and battery charges in a colleague's alleged rape. Julian Henry, 47, of Pulborough, West Sussex, was fined \$1,000 (6600) for the attack in a hotel room. The prosecutor dropped rape and sexual assault charges in exchange for the plea. The victim, 45, alleged that Henry raped her after several hours drinking at the hotel. (AP)

# Stolen Uccello found

Chambery: Police officers patrolling a parking lot in Aix-les-Bains, southeast France, stumbled on a stolen painting by the Renaissance Florentine artist Paolo Uccelio. The 15th-century oil portrait Unknown Man, stolen from the Chambery Museum this month, was found propped up against a bush on Sun-day. The museum curator said the thieves were probably unorganised and became scared. (AFP).

# Nuclear verdict delayed

Bonn: Germany's plan to abandon nuclear power hit a snag when the Government announced it had put off a controversial decision on banning exports of spent nuclear fuel. Gerhard Schröder, the Chancellor, right, was concerned that Germany would have to pay compensation if it scrapped reprocessing deals with. French and British plants, a government spokesman said. About one third of German electricity is supplied by nuclear power. (AP)



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# Newspaper chief freed

Harare: Police yesterday released Clive Wilson, the proprie tor of The Standard, after detaining him for three days over the newspaper's report of an alleged consultance to overthrow President Mugabe (Ian Raath writes). Mr Misson, 62, said he had not been subjected to any ill meanment in apporter, Ray Cholike the editor, Mark Chavumduka, and a reporter, Ray Cho-

# 90-year-old's fiftieth

region in the south of the kingdom has about 50 children ranging from 12 to 65 years old. It is assumed that the villager, who lives on a dict of dates and yoghurt, must have divorced dozens of women, because Islam allows a Muslim to have a maximum of four wives at any one time. (AFP)

# Fred Marafono, a former SAS man, now fighting as a

# Plea to Mandela as gunmen kill another party official

PROM KAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

AN urgent meeting with President Mandela was being sought yesterday by leaders of South Africa's United Democratic Movement (UDM) following the murder of a second

Roelf Meyer, the party's deputy president, said talks with Mr Mandela — who has postponed visits to Uganda, Switzerland and Germany

inat he was scheduled to deglo yester day - about the killings were imperative.

Police said they were not ruling out a link between the latest murder outside Cape Town and the deaths of Il people in an attack by gunmen on a funeral vigil at Richmond in KwaZulu-Natal province, hundreds

of miles away, on Saturday night The murdered mourners were supporters of the African National Congress (ANC) in an area of South Africa where mousands of have been murdered for their political allegiances.

The attack came only hours after Sifiso Nkabinde, Secretary-General of the UDM and a former ANC warlord, died in a hail of bullets fired at his car in the centre of Richmond.

More than 1,000 police and troops are patrolling the Richmond area amid rising concern that political violence could erupt there and in

other parts of South Africa in the run-up to the country's second democratic general election in a few

Valindlela Matiyase, deputy chair-man of the UDM in the Western Cape province, was shot dead when he was called to the front door of his home in the Samora Machel informai settlement outside Philippi, near Cape Town, at dusk on Sunday. Police said two gunmen fired four shots at him.

The UDM was formed in 199 Mr Meyer, a former National Party minister who was its chief negotiator in constitutional talks with the ANC. and Bantu Holomisa, a one time black homeland leader, after his expulsion from the ANC.

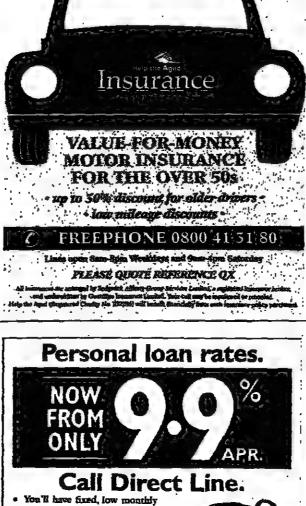
The party is claiming big gains in support in the Western Cape province, where the ANC is mount. ing a fierce campaign to win control from the National Party at the



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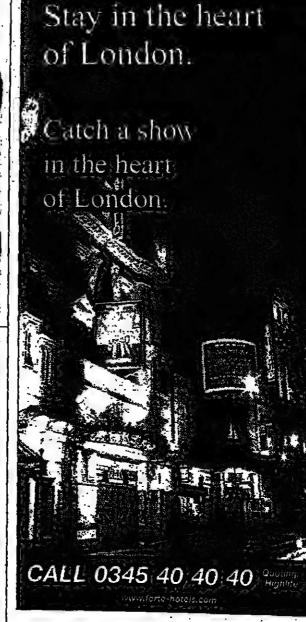
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# Leading lady regains stage in trial drama

SOMETI ING has been missing from President Clinton's trial Everto devoted impeach-The reluctant return of Monica mentologists, it had been a letdown until now. A motley crew of lepublican prosecu-tors had rehearsed the same Lewinsky revives old arguments and received the same old responses from Senate hearing, an only narginally more char-ismatic bunch of White House writes Damian lawyers atting for a President Whitworth who caries on as if nothing untoward is happening.
Then suddenly there was

"that woman" again and the

After estifying in front of Kenneth Starr's grand jury

last year, Monica Lewinsky quickly noved out of her ap-

partment in the Watergate building and has subsequent-

her maher's home in New.

York and her father's in Cali-

fornia. She has been spotted oc-

casionaly, but generally kept

Her return to Washington

was not a happy one. She came licking and screaming. The House of Representatives

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speciators queuing outside the Capitol building for tickets to the Clinton impeachment tial yesterday

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Washington again. The New York Times quoted a friend as saying that she had cried her-self to sleep on Friday night as she prepared to relive her sto-TV once more

"It was happening all over again. It was a year ago all over again." said the friend, who added that Ms Lewinsky was not doing well. It's been a year, and I think she was lulled by the quietness of herlife the past few months. She was just a mess this week. Once she learnt she had to go back to Washington, she was

really upset."

Ms Lewinsky flew from
New York after arriving at the
airport to find that Mr Starr's
office had reserved a ticket for her but had not paid for it. She had to pay the full first-class fare herself.

In the capital she headed for the plush Mayflower Hotel to

find it already besieged by cameras through which she wrestled grim-faced. She took whether grant-raced. She took the opportunity to advertise a friend's independent film company by wearing a baseball cap adorned with its logo.

She kept out of sight in her \$200 (E120) a night room, before her provided the property of the provided the fore her meeting with prosecu-tors. She was wearing a black

trouser suit and pearls. The questioning took place in the mahogany-panelled \$5,000-a night presidential suite where Mr Clinton's late mother, Virginia Kelley, stayed for his manguration. According to Ms Lewinsky's friend, she said the encounter went well. "I felt really positive about it, but I didn't have anything new to say," Ms Lewin-sky is reported as saying.

Plato Cacheris, her lawyer said his client had been "ex-tremely truthful" but "added nothing to the record that is already sitting before the Sen-ate. She should not be called to testify, Mr Cacheris said, because "all her testimony is fully and completely disclosed".

The three Republican prosecutors who saw her — Asa Hutchinson, Bill McCollum and Ed Bryant — insisted that Ms Lewinksy must be heard in the trial in the trial.

"We found her to be a very personable and impressive young woman, and we found that she might be a very helpful witness to the Senate if she is called." Mr McCollum said. The whole affair could still fizzle out. But a glimpse of Ms

Lewinsky was a tantalising re-minder that the much-hyped proceedings could yet become a genuine trial of the century if she is made to take the stand. Two thirds of Americans maintain that they want the show to be ended once and for all. But it is a safe bet that they will be goggle-eyed in front of their televisions if Ms. Lewinsky is ever cross-examined by

We're all trying to be helpful to the Senate as they go through this endeavour, and I believe that she would be a witness who would help them to a White House aide. The prose-

the 100 Senators.



Monica Lewinsky yesterday at Washington's Mayflower Hotel, where she is staying

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for them by Mrs Currie but

Mr Clinton's secretary said

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determine the truth," Mr Hutchinson said. In addition to Ms Lewinsky,

prosecutors have said they want to call Betty Currie, Mr Clinton's secretary, his friend, Vernon Jordan, John Podesta, the White House Chief of Staff, and Sidney Blumenthal, cutors are understood to have asked Ms Lewinksy in particular about the gifts that she received from Mr Clinton and efforts that were made to hide them. Ms Lewinsky maintained in her grand jury testi-

kept them under her bed at the instigation of Ms Lewinsky. This contradiction is at the centre of the allegation that

White House trainee.

that she retrieved them and

President "Cinton". It has Mr Clinton was behind a move to obstruct justice by trying to hide evidence of his relationship with the former

# Clinton basks in papal visit's reflected glory

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

IN A priceless photo opportunity, President Clinton is set to meet the Pope late today. The Pope will arrive in St Louis, Missouri, heart of the Midwest, where crowds of up to a million are expected to meet him. Settled by the French, St Louis is a strongly Catholic city whose Archbishop, the Most Rev Justin Rigali, served in the Vatican for near-

ly three decades. But despite the rapturous welcome he is expected to receive, the Pope's recent re-marks condemning the death penalty, used by more than half of the states, is expected to reopen controversy.

In the Pope's honour, Missouri has given a temporary reprieve to Darrell Mease, a mentally-disturbed Viennam veteran on death row for the past decade for a triple murder. He was due to be put to death tonight but his execution has been postponed until February 10.

Bill McClellan, a columnist on the St Louis Post-Dispatch. yesterday declared that the Pope "couldn't get elected dog-catcher in this country". His anti-abortion views offended Democrats, he said,

while his concern for the poor offended Republicans. The Wall Street Journal has described the Pope's economic policies as "warmed-over Marxism". He has criticised the US for "materialism and

The Pope flew to St Louis fresh from a three-day trip to Mexico. It is traditional for the President to greet the Pope on arrival in the US.



# **Arguments prove** a trial to spell out

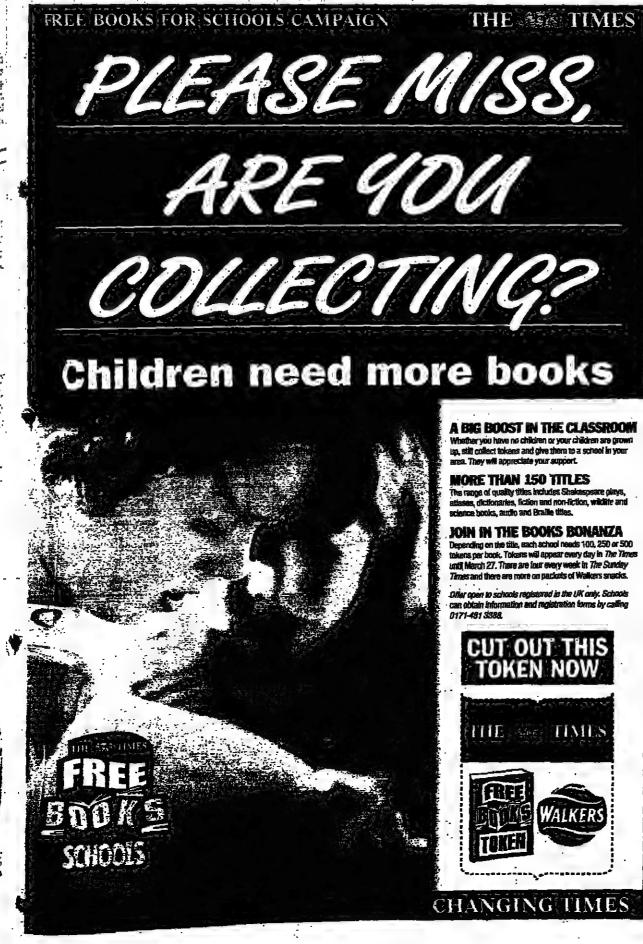
intriguing aspects of President Clinton's impeachment trial has been the poor standard of spelling (writes Damian Whit-

It started with the souvenir pens presented to each senator in order to sign the pledge to remain impartial during the tri-al. They were inscribed with "Untied States Senator" and quickly became collectors' items. Then followed the publication of Republican briefs for the trial - of someone called

been all downhill from there. Barely a session of the trial goes by without glaring errors appearing on giant cards printed by opposing sides to demonstrate key points in their case from the well of the Senate a reputation for fastidiousness in such matters, tutted at the introduction of a "calender" and were somewhat puzzled by a reference to "bulgary". The word was used to describe the act of breaking into another person's property.

Heads were scratched when Trent Lott, the Senate Majority Leader, brought farmyards and hiking into the proceed-ings in a public letter which referred to the House "mangers" who are running the impeachment "trail".

The Republicans so far appear less literate than the White House, although Mr Clinton's lawyers did note that the whole affair was a "mind field". No one was sure if this was an error.





# The agony of psoriasis

t the end of August 1996 both my daughters left home to take up graduate scholarships in America. I knew that they would probably never again spend extended periods in my house, but persuaded myself that I had "coping strategies" well in place. Within days of their departure, I embarked on a more than usually expensive holiday, a Hellenic cruise. I calculated that during the course of this holiday I would become really keen to get back, even to an empty home, and to resume my absorbing work on Shakespeare's Sonnets.

This was indeed the case, and I returned to much enjoyable busy-ness, not consciously marred by what I took to be a moderately virulent outbreak of athlete's foot caused by too many visits to my swimming club in a prep school, where term be-gan in early September. After a week or three I went to my GP and told her I thought I had athlete's foot. Amid pleasant chat of this and that, she sat at her computer and prescribed some antifungal cream. I warned one or two fellow members of the swimming club that there might be infections around in the women's changing room, used at other times of day by "away" rugby teams of little boys.

My spirits were slightly dampened, as

autumn and a new academic year set in, by a sense that as a responsible citizen I should cease to visit the swimming pool -I normally went three times a week - for fear of infecting others. I hit on what I thought a rather brilliant solution: I bought rubber foot coverings and went swimming in them a couple of times, hoping to avoid passing the infection on, but was surprised to discover what a part toes play in swimming, and how impeding it is to have the feet encased in latex. Perhaps this experience gave me some empathy with the condom-wearing sex.

The only real solution seemed to be to abandon swimming, especially since the athlete's foot was, if anything, more virulent, despite a second instalment of antifungal cream, and had now spread to the right foot as well. I also noticed that, immersed in the morning paper, I seemed clumsily to have cut some flaps of skin loose on the palm of my right hand while peeling my apple and pear with a sharp knife at breakfast. However, being extremely busy, as October and November advanced, with teaching, lecturing and writing the introduction to my edition of the Sonnets, I didn't devote much thought to any of this, though I did buy lots of hypoallergenic plasters to keep my cracking and bleeding soles more or less in one piece. My morning and bedtime routines - peeling off the day's plasters and applying a fresh set, with what seemed like great cardboard-like raits of skin coming

off - became increasingly disgusting. My doctor changed her tune, and decided that either it never had been athlete's foot or that the athlete's foot was secondKatherine Duncan-Jones has defeated the virulent condition that made her hands and feet bleed



Katherine Duncan-Jones: "I kept thinking of the Little Mermaid, who was permitted to exchange her fishtail for legs at the price of feeling that she was treading on knives"

ary to some other skin problem. She set things in train for an appointment with fairly sure that what I had would eventually be diagnosed as "acute dermatitis" -doctors' Greek for bad skin trouble.

She recommended that I wear cork in-soles. With terrifying speed, lacking my habitual exercise, I became alarmingly lame and unfit. I kept thinking of Hans Christian Andersen's Little Mermaid. who was permitted to exchange her fishtail for human legs only at the price of feeling that with every step she was treading on knives. Normally an early riser, I took to lying in bed in a state of acute apprehension, dreading the pain when I put my bleeding feet to the floor, and not at all

sure I could face the small amount of walking required to get me downstairs, and to work. After a few minutes I usually became inured to the pain, especially once I had strapped up my cracked, bleeding feet with rolls of the sticking plaster I was now using, but I did make careful calculations of the least amount of walking I could get away with, and became quite stressed if I had to walk any farther. Meanwhile, the skin on my hands was flapping off in large pieces, and I dreaded meeting anyone who might shake my hand and feel its horny edges. My hands, like my feet, were now so cracked at the centre of the palm that sometimes they bled slightly. I began jokingly to refer to

the condition as "my stigmata", adding

that whatever had caused it, it certainly couldn't be sanctity.

By December I was tottering from foot to foot in pain. My left foot was still the worse, however, and my doctor alarmed me with a bit of medical humour, saying: "We don't want you to lose it." She pre-scribed powerful steroid cream - acrossthe-counter stuff had done little - and suggested that I wrap my hands and feet in plastic bags. I was glad that I had no current bed companion to see or feel my wrapped extremities. My elder daughter, back for Christmas, fell about laughing at the sight of my nocturnal plastications. Sometimes I kept my feet wrapped and anointed during the day as well as at night, concealed with socks and trousers. and hoped that no one would see the bulging at my ankles or hear the occasional susurrations of the plastic. By mid-December, when I went to give a lecture in Swit-

zerland, I had become a steroid junkie.
I was embarrassed, in a nice Swiss hotel room, to find no way of dressing and undressing without scattering heaps of dead. skin on the carpet. In the new year, I tried to cut down on the steroids. My feet were ever so slightly better, my hands a lot worse, but there was no doubt that all four extremities were madly and painfully exfo-liating all the time. Night after night, in a warm bath, I would try to rub them clear of dead skin flaps, hoping they would be nice and soft the next day, but new flaps and cracks appeared in no time. Finally,

in March, I saw the dermaologist, and hand and foot psoriasis washiagnosed—a condition rare enough to be unfamiliar to many GPs, but common except for the Oxfordshire Health Authorit to have invested in ultraviolet light does for treat-ment of the condition. Duringthe summer of 1997, I had a 12-week series of sessions with ultraviolet light and the treatment, combined with a continual applying at moisturising and emolliest created brought my feet, at least, to a letter condition than they had been in forward. tion than they had been in folyears.

The connection between mind, consciousness and body is notifiously intimate and inscrutable. In Pet of Clay (1996). Anthony Storr traces a recurring pattern of events in which as individual who has undergone severe ilhess or depression emerges from it convinced that he can now impart spiritual insight and detailed guidance to mankind in how life should be lived. Many celebraed "gurus" such as Sf Ignatius, Jung and Gurdjieff have undergone such mind-clanging illnesses, and have persuaded arge numbers of followers of the universal value of the insights they gained during them.

n my case, the pattern of vents has been reversed: I have been led to ra-tionalism rather than misticism. I am less certain than ever hat I have am less cerrain that ever hat have any belief of my own, let alone anything of value to impart to others. Rather than killing, like St Paul, that "I know hat I bear in my own body the marks of the Lord Jesus". I now meditate with sympathy but considerable cynicism on the gonising that of made colobated stigmairs as St lives of such celebrated stigmaics as St Paul or Padre Pio. Spending long periods in dark cells meditating on one lown sin and unworthiness in the sight of the Almighty must be the perfect recipior exacerbating psoriasis, a stress-related disorder of the immune system that is aggravated by lack of sunlight. Another sie where psoriatic patches can break out badly is round the midriff, leading to "hoe in the side" wounds. For a short time in October 1996, I had this symptom, too.

Until 1997 I was a regular churchgoer. Despite a strong inclination towards par-theism. I felt myself to be sustailed and nourished at some deep level by Christian ritual and worship. Since more orless in covering from psoriasis. I find the what-ever frail thread it was that connected me with institutional religion has supped. As an Anglican I had never been required to take such saintly miracles as the sigmata particularly seriously. Still, the close parallels between this form of psyriasis and Christ's wounds might have ledme to a deeper faith, in practice, I find that my healed and anointed feet no longer carry me into places of worship.

This is an edited version of an cricle that first appeared in The London Review

# I am not mad, touch wood

perfectly intelligent woman, the family breadwinner and mother of two small children. Every time she gets into her car she has to touch wood, inside her head at least, to ensure a safe journey. "It is a particular piece of wood, in a particular place, on a certain Welsh mountainside," the media professional

"I have not only to touch it, mentally, but get the feel of the wood under my fingertips right. Sometimes this involves going over it several times. If I have a passenger I can't talk to them till I've done it - hopefully, they just think I'm a bit distracted. Other times the kids ask 'When are we going to move, Mum? I can hardly tell them their mother is a compiete nutter who's busy touching wood in her head so that we don't have an accident."

Jenny Charles, a solicitor, pats doors three times - just under the handle, with her right hand, after closing them which can be a bit of a trial when there are clients in the room. "I stand so I'm hiding the door while I do it and just hope they don't notice," she

olly Passmore is a Obsessive behaviour is often just a means of perfectly intelligent relieving stress, as Miranda Ingram discovers



tried not doing it but I can't concentrate on my work, or what they are saying, and have to make an excuse to go in and out of the door again

and do it properly." Nadine Wild also pats, but it is drawers for her. "Even when they are obviously closed, I have to pat them until they feel closed," she says. "It's

completely crazy.\*
Wild, an academic at the top of her profession, also has to

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step over joins in the carpet. with the correct foot forward. or go back and do it again if

she doesn't get it right. Now

she has started on taps. "It's definitely getting worse as I'm getting older," Wild says. "Now I have to put a hand on each tap and twist until they turn off fully in symmetry. And I have to turn locks in doors numerous times until the click feels right. It drives

my husband crazy. He says it's

clicking all the locks at night." in all cases, the women agree that while the obsessions are irritating, they dare not fail to do them: doom will surely follow if the ritual is not observed. "It drives me mad that I'm doing it." says Passmore. but I daren't risk not doing it. What if we had a crash?" Wild cannot risk abandon-

spooky having this apparently

intelligent woman endlessly

ing the lock ritual, but was horrified recently to catch her four-year-old son patting drawers. "I couldn't bear it when I saw his little hands following the same absurd pattern as mine. I thought 'God, what have I done? I've turned him crazy, too"."

Crazy or certifiable? Scratch the surface and almost everyone seems to have a private obsession: sipping drinks to the count of three, tapping a boiled egg seven times, lining up pens and pencils in a certain order, or stepping on and off the footpath before crossing. Should we be worried? Is this the first step into the asylum?

"Not at all," says Professor Peter Fonagy, of the department of psychoanalysis at University College London. "Firstly this sort of behaviour, which is extremely widespread and not restricted to women, is quite separate from full-blown compulsive obsessive disorder, which is a very serious illness. It is to do with your personality type, mostly, and to a certain extent with your social inheritance -- background,"

Certainly the women interviewed by The Times recalled watching similar behaviour in their parents -- obsessive tidiness, lining up the salt and pepper - and see it also in their siblings.

all like children," Fonagy says. "It is a state called magical phonomenalism whereby you believe that if you do X then Y will happen, even if you know perfectly well, intellectually, that there is no connection.

Like standing on the platform trying to will the next train to be the Richmond train. You think that if you look at the board in the right way for the right length of time you can make the next train be the right train. Children have this very powerfully and perfectly normally, and most of us, when we are under a lot of stress, revert to childish ways of thinking.

I had an undergraduate patient who sincerely believed that he would do OK in his finals as long as he didn't change his underwear in the three weeks running up to the exams, even though he knew perfectly well that the state of his underwear couldn't possibly influence questions set veeks before.

When we are frightened or nervous we quite often start to believe in trivial things. This sort of behaviour is analogous to superstition, or carrying mascots, for example, Each person has to find their own way of coping -- one person might fidget, another develops a phobia and a third feels

f you are the personality type lined up for repetitive lock-turning then that is just the way you cope, he says, even if it might not be the most efficient solution. It gets worse when there is an area of your life that you feel you are not fully in control of or coping with. Patting the door gives you the comfort of being in control of something.

"If you're going through a particularly obsessive patch," Fonagy says, "it is probably a message to yourself that an area of your life needs sorting out - you're postponing a deci-sion, your elderly mother is getting you down, you've got problems at work. Stop worrying about the obsession itself and look at the rest of your life."

He says that indulging in secret door-patting or tap-turning rituals does not mean you are either more, or less, likely than anyone else to develop a serious clinical disorder. In fact." Fonagy concludes. "peo-ple who behave like this are usually pretty sound people -good at their work, reliable

# When a nosebleed \* becomes a danger

KING'S LYNN in Norfolk was Royalist in the Civil War. and the local people seem nev-er to have lost this lendency. They delight in welcoming the Royal Family when they are installed at Sandringham and have a particular affection for Oueen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, dating from when King George VI was alive and the Royal Family. spent so much time there

It is a pity, therefore, that her new year visits seem to co-incide with the occasional medical emergency. This time last year, the Queen Mother fractured her femur while visiting the stables; this year she has had a severe noschleed; which needed attention at the local NHS hospital. A nosebleed, or epistaxis

as we doctors call it (to use Private Eye's phraseology). does not sound very sinister and is not in the same league as the repair of a fractured femur. However, a nosebleed, particularly in an older person, can be a true medical emergency. Stopping it may require the presence of an experienced ear, nose and throat sion, a skilled radiologist to find the bleeding point.

Most nosebleeds, such as

those suffered by young children through the biffs and bangs of playground life or too much exploration with their fingers (known medically as epistaxis digitorum), are easy to stop. The sufferer should sit upright with the head inclined slightly forward, and grasp the nose between finger and thumb at the junction of the soft and hard parts. Squeezing the nose at this point compresses Kiesselbach's plexus of blood vessels. which are situated in Little's area (Kiesselbach and Little were 19th-century surgeous). The pressure should be maintained for at least ten minutes When it is released in most cases bleeding will have

stopped.
If this first-aid measure does not work, the anterior portion of the nose may have to be packed with gauze. This presents no great problem. In my youth, one inch gauze ribbon saturated with BIPP (hismuth, iodolorm and paraffin paste) - devised by Lord Lister and later used in the First World War for packing

wounds - could be left in position for hours or even days without becoming umpleasant. Usually, this stanched the bleeding. More recently, films of an expanding foam, Merocel, are inserted into the nose. This absorbs the blood, expands and exerts pressure on any of the bleeding Kiesselbach's vessels. If this is unsuccessful, the bleeding point may be camerised.

Malcolm Keene, a consultant ear, nose and throat surgeon at St Bartholomew's Hospital says that the method of treating mosebleeds is de-termined by their severity.

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Most can be dealt with by a first aid worker, the next stage up needs a doctor and the worst nosebleeds can pose quite a problem for the most experienced surgeon. In particular, nosebleeds in older people who have arteriosclerosis - hardening of the arteries can cause difficulties.

The older the patient, the more likely is the nosebleed to be torrential — and once it is torrential, finding the source of the torrent requires considerable skill. In older patients, too, the blood is likely to come from a long way back in the nose and is often the result of the rupture of a branch of the sphenopalatine artery, particularly if the patient's arteries are hardened and weakened

by age and the blood ressure is raised.

The elderly, too, frequently take aspirin or ponsteroidal anti-inflammatory trugs to counteract arthritis These drugs also make bleeding more profuse. Manyof us like to think that the Quen Mother's remarkable resilence and intellectual sharpnes are a part a result of the reognition of the advantages of alcohol in moderation - unortunately, however useful his is in stopping the blood lotting in the coronary arteris, it may also increase a teldency to

Bleeding from the back of the nose from a ruptimed branch of the spheopalatine artery will probably need specialist attention. Gify when people remember he mose trick — the splutting of a drink through the ose when choking or laughig — do they remember the connection between nose aid mout? In the past a gauze pid was a troduced through de mouth and pulled into postor at the back of the nose. Nw an ex-pandable balloon, sch as is found on a Foley's otheter, is introduced in the same way. Once the balloon isin position, it is inflated with air and when the pressure of the balloon is greater than he blood pressure, bleeding from the artery stops. Rarely, a najor artery needs tying.

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# THE TIMES TUESDAY JANUARY 26 1999 Blowing the whistle on the office fraudsters

Most of us will at some time end up stealing from our employers. Jon Ashworth reports on how we have become a nation of petty criminals

hree out of four employees in Britain steal from their employers, according practics in the workplace. Middlemanagers often longservers are among the chief sulprits since they have the test unlerstanding of bow to cheat their company and cover

The University of Notting-ham Bisiness School was commissioned to write a report on workpace fraud by Business Defene Europe, a consultant on managing fraud risk. It found that fraud tends to be more videspread among middle mnagers, but says most per hare corrupti-

Pau Barnes, the reports author, says: A quarter of all people will al-ways teal, and two in four will steal if colleagues the drawnstances themcould tell selve: We've all got our price."

Intependent resomething by The hug problem for

billons of pounds a year. It rarges from "petty" fiddling of excenses and personal telephone calls to systematic plundesing of accounts, often over several years. The perpetraicrs are often a company's most trusted and valued

Faced with the cylidends down. Legislation aimed at protecting whistleblowers at work seems certain to sped the process. Employees vho regularly work late and lever take holidays may comeunder suspicion.

The weakening UK economy will hasten the process. because fraudsters find it harder to over their tracks as companis tighten procedures. The perpetrators panic and take rigger risks. Weak controls and management indifference have enabled fraud at work to flourish since the become almost untouchable recession of the early 1990s. Accountants are increasingly being called in to put anti-fraud systems in place. "It is a desperate problem," says: Mark Tantam, head of fraud management services at Deloitte & Touche, "and it will get more desperate as recession bites. People will feel, well, I have no loyalty to my employer because tomorrow

fraud is even greater than the Nottingham report suggests. Tve always felt that all of us have the propensity to commit a fraud if we are under such pressure that fraud was the easiest way out,"

he says. "It's not like murder. It's something area where people feel, if I had nothing, if my children were starving, if my husband was ill, I would take the

Companies lose

a small fortune each year to so-called petry fraud was amiss personal telephone calls, taking office stationery, fiddling expenses, and even downloading

pornography from the Inter-

net in hotel rooms then charg-

ing it back as business telephone expenses. The reason this is tolerated is because the costs of controlling it outweigh the benefits. Companies sacrifice about I per cent of their annual sales empoyers are starting to to petty pillering. which, for a major company, could cost

> pounds. More of a concern are the serial fraudsters - individuals who take kickbacks on major contracts or who fiddle the books to meet their perform-

David Sherwin, head of fraud investigations at Ernst & Young, says: "Once an employee has won the trust of senior management they

When something comes up, no one challenges them for fear of upsetting the boat."

One case involved an office manager responsible for pay-ing freelance contributors. He arranged for the money to be paid electronically to his own bank account each month, If anyone rang up, he would say there had been a mistake and send them a cheque drawn on a company account. This went on for ten years and was only uncovered when he died. He had siphoned off more than £100,000. It should have been obvious: he had three children at private school and regularly bought new cars — all on a sal-ary of £20,000.

People resort to fraud to fund addictions - drugs, alcofor a lavish lifestyle.

Alex Playsic, a fraud investi-gation partner with KPMG. says: There are triggers that make people commit fraud. They run into personal problems — they run out of cash, get divorced, their house burns down. Often, the people we interview are suicidal. Many have breakdowns."

"Whole lives are destroyed by it. Families break up. What's so sad is that it is either because of a personal problem - drinking or gambling — or because they want to compensate for some change they or their family are going through.
"It challenged they say that

hts a rich wife or husband, or an insurance policy maturing. Tell-tale signs include not havas much as £70 million a year. ing a holiday, not allowing The collective cost to British anyone to interfere with their companies: is billions of work, an autocratic regime, erratic time-keeping, excessive phone calls, lots of entertainment. These signs can be completely bogus, but we always find that, in all investigations, the people around the fraudster knew what was going on. They can see the change in behaviour."

many off. Inform on a manager who survives and life may

become miserable. The Public

Interest Disclosure Act 1998,

dubbed the "whistle-blower's

charter", aims to encourage

people to speak out without fear. Only about 10 per cent of

British companies have em-

Playsic says: "Of the investi-gations I've done in the past seven years, about 60-70 per

cent of fraud cases have been

committed by employees and

about the same proportion

have been reported by other employees. You need to be

wary of your employees, but you also need to treat them appropriately because they are your eyes and ears."

Often the evidence is there

for all to see, Emma Codd, head of business intelligence

services at Deloitte & Touche,

says: "We had one finance

director, a woman with one O

level, who was obviously liv-

ing beyond her means - a Fer-

rari, expensive holidays.

When you do an employee-

screening, you should carry

out a lifestyle check — is some-

one flashing money around, or in financial problems, no finance on the car? There is so

much you can see from doing

ing the delete key will erase evidence. Your computer or lap-

top is often the prize trophy in

any fraud investigation. Techno-sleuths can recreate the last

ten changes made on a computer and retrieve incriminating

fragments from the hard

drive. Investigators typically come in pretending to be IT

technicians and take a copy of

the computer's hard disk.

Letters, e-mails and records of print outs can be matched to

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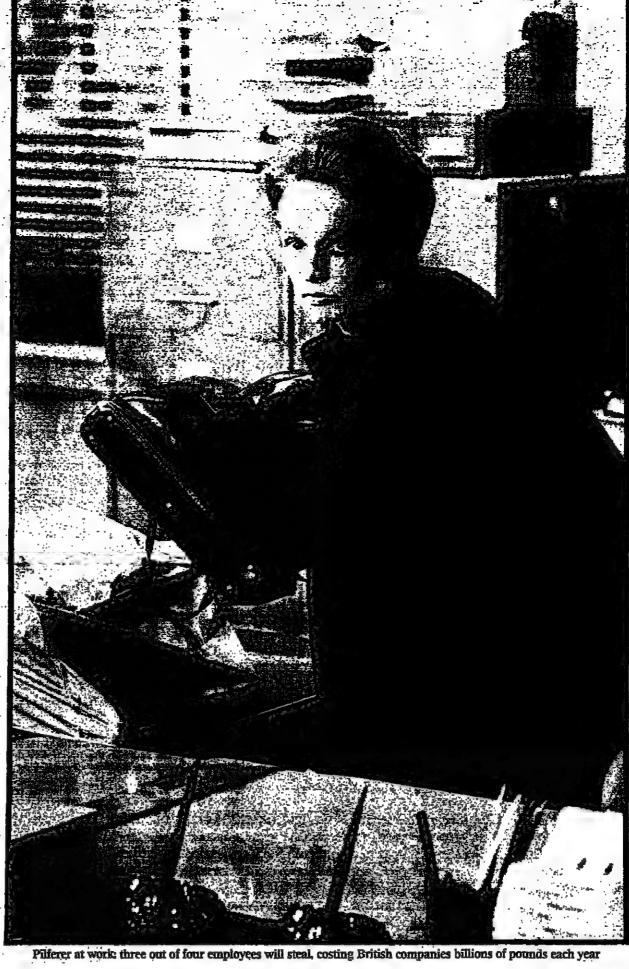
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ployee hotlines.

Most frauds are uncovered because someone speaks out. but fear or recrimination puts



### TELL-TALE SIGNS

Time and again, employers fail to spot the danger signs that fraudsters are at work in an organisation. Here are ten of the most

common:

 Never taking a holiday. Working excessive hours. Working at weekends. Fraudsters need to be around to cover their tracks.

 Extravagant lifestyle. Expensive new car, children educated at private school, large house. These are usually explained away as newly inherited wealth.

problems. An expensive divorce, medical bills for an ill relative, gambling debts, paying for a mistress.

 Repeatedly passed over for promotion. Resentment often fuels fraudulent

 Always managing to produce good results when others in a similar position are struggling to meet their targets.

• Flouring rules and regulations. A person involved in fraud will often take action on his own, or will direct a subordinate to bend or break the rules.

 Regularly receiving generous gifts or hospitality from a supplier. This "kickbacks" might be being paid in return for favouring a particular source of

 Attracting complaints from colleagues or customers. This often hints at wider wrongdoing.

 Autocratic style. Using anger, sarcasm and criticism to deter subordinates from asking too many

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# More than simply black and white

Michael Gove on the Lawrence

inquiry and a new McCarthyism

hen it was pub-lished, Tom Wolfe's Bonfire of the Vanities was an impressionistic landscape of America. It may now have become a mirror of Britain. The New York author illuminated a city in neurosis, with race distorting reason. I fear that we may be succumbing to the same neurosis.

Later this week the Home Secretary will receive the report of the Stephen Lawrence inquiry. Jack Straw's response will be made in charged circumstances. There is a widespread desire to see a conclusion reached which will satisfy Stephen Lawrence's parents. But the terms on which the inquiry has been conducted give rise to legitimate doubts that the right lessons will be learnt.

It is impossible to consider the murder of Stephen without feeling both admiration and anger. The dignified bearing of Neville and Doreen Lawrence, their quiet persistence in the pursuit of justice and their determination that some good should spring from unspeakable evil, are qualities that compel admiration. The knowledge that Stephen's mur-derers are still abroad quickens the blood to anger. That anger is only swelled by the catalogue of errors which marred the investigation.

It is not easy, therefore, to question whether justice, which has been denied the Lawrences, has been best served

by the inquiry for which they cam-paigned Just as questioning the wisdom of handgun legisla-

tion after the Dunblane killings seemed an act of insensitivity, so rais-ing questions about this inquiry may seem to demean the That is not my inten-

much of the whiff of Salem to leave the unbiased anything Even before proceedings be-

gan the witchfinder's finger was flexing. On the eve of the inquiry. The Observer ran a story alleging that the chair-man. Sir William Macpherson of Cluny, was "insensi-tive" to racial issues. The accusations were diplomatically dealt with, but a sour note had been struck.

On one level, Sir William had been put on warning that his conduct would be scrutinised by an audience suspi-cious of his hidden prejudices. Indeed, during the inquiry he halted questioning of Mrs Lawrence intended to explore her attitudes to the police.

On a deeper level, the manner in which the inquiry would be viewed was skewed. A proper emphasis on judicial impartiality had been overlaid by ideological considerations. It is a practice, sadly, commonplace in America, where the judicial process has become dangerously politicised. The shade of the courthouse where OJ. Simpson was tried now

hung over the proceedings. The inquiry itself also recalled another unhappy epi-sode in American justice. The lawyers for the Lawrences seemed, at moments, to have served their apprenticeship under Joseph McCarthy, Just as the senator brought a

blunderbuss to his hearings. so the Lawrences' lawyers, led by Michael Mansfield, QC, deployed the charge of racism with indiscriminate zeal.

The shabby treatment of one individual stands out. The first Stephen was attacked was an off-duty officer, who was returning from a church meeting. He did not know that Stephen had been stabbed, indeed, Stephen's friend Duwayne Brooks believed that the assailants had used an iron bar. The officer did not seek to move Stephen, recognising that he lay in the recovery position. Only when an ambulance ar-

rived was the extent of Stephen's bleeding apparent. This officer, whose church was racially mixed and whose Christian fellow-feeling for all races had never been doubted before, was accused of standing idly by because he did not wish "to get his hands dirty with black blood". His conduct was questioned by the Lawrence team. And yet this same officer had draped his car blanket over Stephen and recovered it, after the ambulance arrived. Was that the action of a man who scorned to touch black blood? How can genuine evils be properly ad-dressed when Good Samaritans are treated like this?

And how can racism be properly tackled when the accusation is flung not just at individuals, but at an institution? When the

Metropolitan Police Commissioner. Sir Paul Condon, attended the inquiry he was asked, repeatedly, to concede that his force was "institutionally racist". Sir Paul has never tried to deny there is racism in his force, indeed he pledged to deal with the problem

on taking office. There is room for legitimate he has dealt with the question. But that debate is distigured by the insistence that Sir Paul concedes the principle of collec-tive guilt, instead of rooting out individual wickedness.

Some institutions are explicitly racist - from the Dutch Reform Church to the British National Party. But what does the term mean when applied to the Metropolitan Police? Is the bobby's helmet the mod-ern equivalent of a Klansman's hood?

Do those who talk of institutional racism not realise that they are falling into the same error as racists, making sweep ing assumptions about groups instead of forming reasoned judgments about individuals? Is it not better to forge a sense of common purpose in the fight against prejudice, rather than seeking to divide society from its protectors?

Mr Mansfield and the Lawrences' solicitor, Imran Khan, are both radical socialists. It would be tempting to conclude that their approach to the inquiry springs from their commitment to ideology rather than the truth, distaste for the police rather than love of justice. But that would be to fall into the same trap as them, to tar with the broad brush rather than bring the searchlight properly to bear.

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# A man of true Resolution

hen a retired top-brass Service chief dies in his late seventies, full of honours, the obvious and decorous things are done. Obituaries recall his distinctions in war and peace; and in a last paragraph the retirement years are mentioned: trustee of this and that, expert on whatever. Decent, passion-less tributes are paid and another

public life is over. I have been staring all morning at just such obtituaries, sober milestones at the point where a finished life fades tidily into history. And somehow they will not do. For Admiral Lord Lewin — Terry Lewin has died; and though he was pushing 80, and I had known him for barely five years, the sense of outraged loss will not fade. "Terry being ill and dying," said a far younger triend indignantly, "is just

so bloody out of character." There must be an unsuspected number of people who feel the same. Because of this, and because one of Lewin's last projects is nearing fruition at Greenwich, indulge me for a few minutes while I try to convey this vivid man, and why his departure feels as if a firework display had prematurely ended.

The obituaries tell the naval story: of the 18-year-old thrown straight into war as a midshipman in the Mediterranean, the young lieutenant mentioned in dispatches and awarded the DSC. He served in Arctic and Malta convoys and Channel actions before D-Day. In command after the war, he modernised the rum ration into beer, and navigated a changing, shrinking the Navy with the rare distinction of making no enemies. His role as Chief of Defence Staff in the Thatcher War Cabinet is historic even Falklands sceptics such as me admire the steadiness and professionalism with which he masterminded that all-but-impossible war.

But never mind all that stuff. He did not bore on about it, remarking only that being First Sea Lord was the "dullest job in the Navy". All ranks, speaking of him, tend to agree that there was never a harrumph or a tantrum in the man. however senior or stressed. "He was never angry", says Rear-Admiral Richard Hill, his biographer and sometime subordinate. "He never raised his voice. His technique was to make you feel that you never wanted to let him down."

His last ship, as it were, was the National Maritime Museum, where

Amid the official tributes, personal memories of a remarkable Admiral of the Fleet

he was chairman for eight years to 1995. There, as a recent trustee, I first met him, and last saw him in the autumn in a hard hat, clambering round the construction site of the new Neptune Court. This is the £20 million development which he initiated, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund (whose functionaries, like many former ministers and civil servants, still flinch at the memory of the fusillade of Lewin faxes which greeted any obstruction). This week, from the director's office to the front desk, the museum mourns him with an almost shocking

sincerity. through like the row over the Titanic exhibition, in which he calmly thought his position through and then stood firm and tranquil in the face of ill-informed ranting. He steered towards a new century with a style which combined a taste for innovation with a conviction ry is vital to British

identity. At 70 years

old, he pushed things forward like a man half his age. Richard Ormond, the director, says: "He had a wonderfully clear sense of history; it was in his bloodstream and he felt that, without historical resonance, you lack a dimension. He would stride into the museum and say: 'Do you know what happened 150 years ago today?" He was passionate about the bookshop and getting people to read. But he also knew that history has to be presented anew to each genera-

He was entirely at home not only with Nelson and Cook and his own 20th Century Seapower gallery, but with the more controversial plans of the renewed museum which, enragingly, he now will not see the Greenpeace pod, the ecology and sea science, the modern sculptures and the challenging acknowledge ment of slavery and the Opium

Ormond and his deputy, Roger Knight, mourning yesterday, spoke of the way that the septuagenarian former First Sea Lord became a museum professional. "He led from the front, very firm, very fluent, with immense and humane understanding. When we were wrestling with the Titanic issue someone said You are a man of great certainty, aren't you? and he said Thank you. I think I am'."

Reading back, I still have not captured the vividness. I first met him at the opening of the Cook Exhibition, and lightly said that I

really knew very little: ahout Captain. the chairman, in tones I can hear now; and led me round, talking, followed by a trail of eaves@roppers. It was one of the

best half-hours I ever had. Today, as I read his catalogue: preface about that other humane and visionary seafarer, James Cook, the excitement kicks back to the surface, and the words Endeavour and Resolution take on a meaning

far beyond the names of Cook's ships. They resonate, as he intended them to, through all human history and on into the future. Nor shall I forget hearing him at the Seawords literary festival reading a passage from Cook's log. He closed the book at the end of a narrow escape on the perilous Southern terra incognita, grinned, glanced around the riveted audience and added a long, delight-

In his own travels he visited every point Cook touched 200 years ago; in Dusky Bay, New Zealand, he found the remains of the two trees Endeavour tied up to.

There is a portrait of him by John Wonnacott, finished a few months ago. Go and see it some time: it is an epic canvas, lift tall, showing the admiral glancing up at the ceiling of the Painted Hall at Greenwich where Nelson lay in state. Wren's

Royal Naval Coilege meant a great deal to him, and some of his last energies were spent firing off more faxes to newspapers and journalists, in the battle against the drooling obtuseness of governments which cannot grasp what a treasure it is. and what use it could have been put to in the service of wider understand ing of our maritime and naval

Even so, it was the devil of a job for the painter and the trustees to persuade Admiral Lord Lewin to pose in uniform. The left the Navy now," he would protest, turning up yet again in a lounge suit. Eventual, ly he agreed, but even then, says the painter, he brought the wrong tie. I spoke to John Wonnacott yesterday, and from his brief but intense.

painters: dealings: be offered a strong image of resty Tewison 172234.

"He threw biaseth into reseption thing. While we worked there would, be a string of what he called Useless Information. Once we roared up the hill to the Observatory - he moved at a great speed — and he taught me all about the Harrison clocks. I think he loved the museum, in the end, as much as he loved the Navy. He'd done so much had such enthusiasm for so many things, but in his last lew days he took the trouble to ring me about another: commission I'm doing, though he could only manage a lew sentences. I've never met any chap like him.

or have I. When the diagnosis of moperable cancer was made, early in December and out of the blue, he had been asked to appear in a discussion programme talking with the Duke of Edinburgh about the new galleries We did it without him. and I sent a tupe to the hospital. A while later, when he had come home to be nursed by his close-knit family, the telephone rang. it was Terry Lewin himself, giving cheerhil approval to the programme. We live near by: I asked whether he wanted any audio tapes to pass:

"No, far too busy. I've got Richard Hill here all day working on the biography. Tell everyone irs fine: family here, spirits high, hoping for

Then he said goodbye: Full of endeavour and of resolution, right to the last. I can't believe he's gone.

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# Bron?

AUBERON WAUGH ispoised to stroll out of the Literary leview, the magazine he has edited for 13 years. Richard Ingrams, Edity of the Oldie, has offered him a filet and a column. This would enable Waugh trickness. (nichmed), our most ope-minded reactionary, to escape the study he shares with his bracing deputy.

Nancy Sladek.

Wangh is troubled by the illness of his close friend Susan irosland (pictured), widow of the life Cabinet minister, and spend much time visiting her in hospital. Bron declines to confirm the stry, but ingrams says: I have offeed it thin. We are very keen to gt him. One of Bron's cromes is ranker.
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If he does go, Lifear for the future of Naim Attallah's organ it is bankrolled by such genero's souls as Lord Hanson and S Paul Getty, but without Bron the might not find the magazine so alluring.



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Brief lives

stiletto marks of Baroness Kernedy of the Shaws, my favourite rief twiddler. The baroness marked into Lord levine of Lairy's office to assail him over his Access to Justice Bill (site is disturbed that legaraiders will not be allowed to choise a defence lawyer). Phrases sum as "Toyalty" and "vote against twere. This ed. Derry has now promise technings. No commoning. I'm late.

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JASPER GERARD

# Quite simply, the nonsense has gone far enough. Daily, the terror gangs mutilate and torture. Northern Ireland is descending into a moral cesspit

ed on Northern Ireland. It afflicts those large areas that fall under the control of the "military representatives" of the loyalist and republican parties -Sinn Fein, the Ulster Democratic Party and the Progressive Unionist Party. We would know little of this if it were not for Families Against Intimidation and Terror, an heroic group of human rights activists who have risked their

lives to expose thuggery.
We are led to believe that the TRA, UVF and UDA are observing ceasefires. This is palpable nonsense and everyone in Northern Ireland, outside the Cinderella-land that is the Northern Ireland Office, knows it.

Punishment beatings euphemism for mutilation, torture and intimidation - have increased dramatically in recent months as these organisations

new reign of terror and intimidation has descend-the communities they purport to the communities they purport to represent. No one in the Northern Ireland Office, least of all the Secretary of State, Mo Mowlam, seems much concerned. The attitude seems to be: while terrorism is confined to the

ghettos, why worty? The sheer absence of morality. the knee-bending to appeasement and a view that to say nothing and do nothing will somehow ensure the survival of the Good Friday agreement -- is repugnant. Furthermore, it will fatally undermine the peace

Gerry Adams. David Ervine and Gary McMichael must be told by the Prime Minister (not the Secretary of State, whom they regard as full of hot air) that one more act of violence by the organisations they represent will bring prisoner releases to a halt and see them expelled from the

Sean O'Callaghan

process until they accept and implement the Mitchell princinies of non-violence.

Quite simply, the nonsense has gone far enough. Daily, the terror gangs mutilate and tor-ture. Families are forced into exile, racketeering, criminality and drug-dealing are widespread. Northern Ireland is descending into a moral cesspit. Is this what the Good Friday agreement brought us? Is this what we voted for with such hope

in our hearts? If the Government does not use the sanctions at its disposal, the terrorists will behave as they nlease. Indeed, the peace process is fast becoming the gangster DIOCESS.

There is another reason for increasing violence. Even as ed — to be replaced by a force. Sinn Fein and loyalist fringe acceptable to the IRA. In its

parties pay lip-service to the condemnation of "punishment beaungs" they also use ugly euphemisms to argue that that a rough form of community justice" will unfortunately continue until the "policing vacuum" in Northern Ireland has been filled. The beatings are intended to cow the State into neutering the Royal

Ulster Constabulary. The IRA-Sinn Fein leadership in particular is orchestrating intimidation in nationalist areas as part of a strategy to influence the Patten Commission's report into the future of the RUC.

he objective is clear. IRA-Sinn Fein says that the RUC is an unacceptable police force and must be disbandperverted logic, the beatings are a proof of the so-called "policing acuum". Clearly, the republican leadership - and that includes Adams and Martin McGuinness - are determined to destroy the RUC. If they are allowed to get away with it, goodbye to the

Fears for the future of the RUC, the failure of the IRA to decommission, the release of terrorist prisoners - all of these sicken the ordinary people who voted for the Good Friday agreement. As First Minister designate of the Northern Ireland Assembly, David Trimble will be politically and morally correct in current circumstances to refuse the IRA entry into an executive designed to govern Northern Ireland. The terrorist leaders are. after all, ignoring their obligations under the peace agreement. It is they who are behaving

violently, and so it is they who commente the times.co.uk

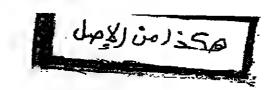
Government to bring the terrorist gangs to heel? There is a mean spiritedness in the corridors of power and its name is cowardice. If the present situation is allowed to continue, and if Mr Trimble is forced to accept IRA-Sinn Fein into an executive without decommissioning, the agreement will collapse. [RA] Sinn Fein might well bring down the agreement itself anyway if it is pressured to begin decommis-sioning — but at least the stench

deserve censure and isolation.

Is it really beyond the power of

of moral corruption that surrounds the process will then have been dissipated. Blair and Ahern must face them down, otherwise all is lost. Sean O'Callaghan is a former

IRA commander and the author of The Informer.





# CHRISTIANS IN PERIL

Burnings, murder and the new intolerance of Asia

Mahatma Gandhi expected the India of his dreams "to be wholly tolerant, with its exposed Christians to danger in some religions working side by side with one another. For India's Christians, those expectations have been brutally betrayed since last March, when the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) formed a new Indian Government. The mob murder in Orissa at the weekend of the Australian evangelical missionary Graham Staines, incinerated in his car with his two young sons by Hindu extremists, brought to 109 the recorded acts of violence against Christians in ten months. That compares with 50 in the entire half-century since independence.

Attempts to invoke Gandhi's spirit of tolerance by India's Christian leaders, who last month led tens of thousands in a day of protest at the Jamuna River where Gandhi was cremated, have been pathetically ineffective against an orchestrated campaign by extremists affiliated to the BJP. In Gujarat, Christian appeals for official protection after dozens of assaults were answered by a renewed Christmas outbreak of church-burnings, forced "purification ceremonies", attacks on priests and nuns and the stoning of schools. Yesterday, even as India's leaders condemned the Staines murder and thousands flocked to the funeral, five other Christian missionaries were viciously beaten in Allahabad in an attack applauded by the Bajrang Dal,

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the militants behind the Staines murder. India's Christians are not alone in experiencing a great upsurge of intolerance and violence. In China and Vietnam, persecution is ideologically driven; but from Pakistan to Nepal and Indonesia. Asian Christians are under assault as they have not been in living memory. What is puzzling is why they should be singled out.

These are minority communities so tiny that they cannot by definition pose any threat to national cohesion or majority beliefs. India's 23 million are only 2.6 per cent of the population. In Pakistan, where justice for Christians is now virtually late his words of pain into effective action.

areas by ordering them to identify their houses with crosses, much as Nazi Germany instituted the yellow star for Jews, they number only three million, mostly desperately poor. In Indonesia, where the situation is more complex because many are also Chinese, Christians have more protection; the military has, in most cases, made serious efforts to quell Muslim-Christian riots like those which have just gutted the eastern town of Ambon. But in India, the Government stands accused, by moderate Hindus as well as Christians, of appeasing, if not covertly abetting, crimes committed by its own supporters.

History associates religious persecutions with weak leaders — Mary Tudor in England, Nicholas III in Russia - or with periods of national unease and self-doubt. as with the expulsion of Muslims and Jews from Spain. Asia's economic disasters have made the vulnerable more exposed. But India has been relatively lightly touched by the Asian disease; there, the problem is a governing party that rose to power by cultivating a religious militancy whose destructiveness it is unable or unwilling to control. This is not a resurgence of anti-colonialism, despite the Hindu demands to expel all foreign missionaries: Christians have existed in India since AD52. It has more to do with caste; 60 per cent of Christians are Untouchables, and a further 15 to 20 per cent are Adivasis, remnants of India's downtrodden aboriginal tribes. Most of all, Christians are vulnerable precisely because they are so few; having discovered that attacking Muslims loses the BJP votes, Hindu activists have picked an easier target for their broader message of religious intoler-ance. The Prime Minister, Ahal Bihari Vajpayee, has told Christians: "I share your agony." The Staines murders will put his Government under pressure to trans-

# **SAMARANCH MUST GO**

His exit is the only way forward for the Olympics

The Olympic Games are facing their most ranch will be 81; and the stories of his shameful moment in more than a century of idealism and record-breaking achievement. Yet Juan Antonio Samaranch, the President of the International Olympic Committee, refuses to resign. Shrugging off responsibility for the latest corruption. confidence at an extaordinary IOC meeting next month. His move is a cynical attempt to save his career while sacrificing the six members most implicated in the corrupt awarding of the Summer and Winter Games to the winning cities. The affair, however, is far from over, and goes beyond: squalid bribery. It has exposed the jealousies, power struggles and abuses of authority that lead directly to Senor Samaranch himself. Until he goes, the Olympic movement will remain blighted.

The former Spanish diplomat has never made a secret of his ambition. As Spanish Ambassador to Brezhnev's Soviet Union, he was accused of cosying up to the Russians as they were desperately trying to stop the post-Afghanistan boycott of the Moscow Olympics. Señor Samaranch spoke out strongly against the boycott; by coincidence, Moscow was one of the strongest proponents of his subsequent nomination as IOC President.

He promised, at the time, to be a clean broom to sweep out the age and dust that had settled in the IOC corridors. There. were pointed reminders that Avery Brundage, the venerable former President, had been well over 80 when he retired in 1972, and had blighted his tenure with a reputation for autocratic behaviour. By 2001, when his term ends, Señor Sama-

vanity, arrogance and regal lifestyle make Mr Brundage seem a model of saintly humility by comparison.

Of all organisations, the Olympics, founded to promote moral as well as physical excellence, should be sensitive to ideals of youth, brotherhood and international goodwill. But though these cliches are forever on the lips of Señor Samaranch and his cronies, there is little room for youth and less for goodwill, in their determination to remain in power.

Señor Samaranch has now headed the IOC for 18 years. The committee members are virtually his appointees. With the expansion of his power base into the Third. World, he brought in members for whom the culture of mutual favours was both tempting and acceptable. They owed their position to him: he owed his power to their votes. The most notorious of the members now facing expulsion, Jean-Claude Ganga from the Congo, has been accused of making £30,000 from a land deal set up by Salt Lake City. It was he who led the move in the IOC to extend the President's tenure so that Señor Samaranch, hungry for a Nobel Peace Prize, could remain in office beyond the age set for retirement.

Senor Samaranch now claims, with breathtaking disingenuity, that he knew nothing of corruption and is a victim of his underlings. If so, he should be dismissed for incompetence. If he knew but turned a blind eye, he should be sacked for dishonesty. Under his presidency, the movement has lost direction, vitality and now credibility. If the Olympics are to be saved, he should resign forthwith.

### **YOUNG EINSTEINS**

The Times and the Royal Institution put youth on a pedestal

While the greatest discoveries are almost invariably made by the young, the world's academies are occupied by the old. Professors in their sixties preside over departments in which the creative work is done by research students in their twenties, with no tenure and no guarantee of continued employment. When they publish papers, their names often appear below those of their supervisors. Recognition comes creeping slow, too slow for many who leave the profession in despair.

Of course, nobody ever pretended that becoming a scientist was an easy option. It takes years to build a reputation, so that by the time it is achieved the most productive years are past. Scientists win prizes not for work they did last year, but a decade or more ago. The prizes which Alfred Nobel intended to recognise the finest achievements of that year are usually given to old men, and less often women, for discoveries made when they were young. The weight of hierarchy hangs heavy over the whole

Tomorrow evening at the Royal Instituenterprise. tion in London, the first in a series of lectures by young scientists is to be given by an Oxford chemist, Martin Westwell, on antibiotic resistance. The Times is backing the lecture series, the idea of Professor Susan Greenfield, the new and energetic may never know what we have missed.

The scientific life presents a paradox. director of the Royal Institution. Her intentions are twofold. First, she hopes in a small way to challenge the hierarchy of science by giving an opportunity to young scientists — those under 40 — to lecture in the theatre made famous by Humphry Davy and Michael Faraday. Secondly, she proposes to award the best lecturer at the end of the year with a prize for scientific communication, a skill seldom rewarded in the normal order of things but increasingly recognised as vitally impor-

> She does not pretend that the lectures are more than a gesture towards redressing the balance in science. More needs to be done to improve the career structure of young scientists, and make them less subject to the weight of authority exerted by those who run departments. If a young patent examiner called Albert Einstein had needed a grant to pursue his researches in relativity, he would never have got one; nor would Charles Darwin have been allowed to set foot on HMS Beagle if he had known, and declared, that his experience there would unseat the Creator. Great science is subversive, bold, and risky - the very qualities of youth. Too much of today's science, by contrast, is conservative and pedestrian, dominated by committees and rules which inhibit true creativity. And we

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

### Blair must halt Ulster 'mob rule'

From Mr A. D. D. Kent

Sir, You are to be congratulated in drawing attention to the continuing violence in Northern Ireland (reports from Martin Fletcher, January 11, 14, 20, 22 and 25).

If during the first week of January. five Home Counties men had been shot by hooded thugs and a further dozen attacked since, not to mention the hundreds maimed during the last year, the matter would have had top priority, with calls from the media MPs for immediate action.

Our Government, comfortably en-

sconced far away from this sickening daily round of injury and exile, must take action and give full support to those within the communities who wish it to stop, but are reluctant to speak out.

For a start, the Prime Minister might go on Uister TV to explain how others feel: that such barbarous, unjustified behaviour sickens any civilised person; that these are not the actions of strong men but of weak, cowardly, inferior individuals; and, most important, that we expect the senior officials of all groupings to stamp it out now.

This psychopathic criminal behavfour is perilously close to mob rule.

A. D. KENT, Long Mynd, Upper Station Road, Hentield, West Sussex BN5 9PH. January 25.

From Dr Alan Sked

Sir, The news that Adam Ingram, the Northern Ireland Security Minister, is to meet "relatives of an IRA unit killed by the SAS while attacking a Co Armagh police station" (report, January 22) provides yet more evidence of the nature of the "peace process".

Daily, more and more criminals murderers, bombers, arsonists, thugs are released on to the streets; daily more punishment beatings are being reported. Yet the IRA, which has already broken one ceasefire, insists that it will decommission no weapons and warns us that the present ceasefire is also in danger of being broken,

The Government's response has been to appease it even further. The Prime Minister's promises, made (cynically? dishonestly?) before the Northern Irish referendum, have been carefully mothballed while Mo Mowlam has recently been reduced to

The reasons are clear. Peace in Northern Ireland was brought about when it suited the IRA to get its most valuable terrorists out of prison. Now that that process is well under way, it can wait for more concessions or return to violence.

The question is whether the Government, having been duped once, will allow itself to be duped again. Or does it really believe that cross-border institutions for fisheries and tourism are what the IRA went to war to achieve?

Yours sincerely, ALAN SKED. Flat 3, Aberdeen Court, 68 Aberdeen Park. Highbury, N5 2BH. January 22.

### Sierra Leone conflict

From Lieutenant-Colonel Tim Spicer (retd)

Sir, I read with interest Sam Kiley's article today, "Send in the mercen-aries, Mr Cook".

Sandline has always maintained its willingness to act in support of President Kabbah and Ecomog. If democracy is to survive in Sierra Leone the time has come to stop pretending that there is any way to negotiate a permanent peaceful settlement with the RUF (Revolutionary United Front). We must take the gloves off. defeat them in the field and shut off

their external support.

This is the third time that the RUF has virtually taken over Sierra Leone. The international community must wake up to the threat; surely it is now time for First World governments to engage private military companies which, in the absence of military support from the West, are prepared to demonstrate the pragmatic applica-

tion of an ethical foreign policy? A vicious organisation like the RUF, which arrogantly commits un-speakable atrocities against its fellow countrymen and treats the international community with contempt, deserves to be destroyed, not given the benefit of a negotiated settlement.

Yours etc. TIM SPICER, Sandline International, 535 Kings Road, SW10 0SZ. January 22.

### The wrong signal From Mr Brian Walker

Sir, Sign seen recently in a Leeds mobile phone shop: "100 minutes free calls — only XX\*

Yours faithfully, BRIAN WALKER. 23 Station Road. Tadcaster, North Yorkshire LS24 9JE. brian walker@kpmg.co.uk January 19.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782 5046. e-mail to: letters@the-times.co.uk

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# Corruption on an Olympian scale

From Mr George Moody-Stuart

Sir, The Olympic scandal (reports. January 23 and 25) may cause many people to question at what point a gift becomes a bribe.

For many years the standard definition of corruption has been one coined by J. J. Senturia for the Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences, published in 1931: "The misuse of public power for private profit." This. however, is relevant to the receiver rather than to the payer.

In the latter case, Professor Wesley Cragg, writing in a recent issue of the International Journal (Canadian Institute of Public Affairs), has offered: "Any attempt to persuade someone in a position of responsibility to make a decision or recommendation on any grounds other than the intrinsic merits of the case."

In the United States it is a crime under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (1977) to bribe a public official from another country; and presumably the Justice Department will now be looking closely at Salt Lake City's bid for the 2002 Winter Olympics and perhaps Atlanta's earlier success also. The OECD's Convention on Com-

bating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials, which will have a similar effect in participant countries includ-ing the UK, does not come into force until February 15, 1999.

Meanwhile the President of the Australian Olympic Association is quoted (The Sunday Times, January 24) as saying, in relation to large cash payments made to the Kenyan and Ugandan Olympic Committees: "My view was that it might encourage them to consider their votes for

Sydney," If that is not corruption, what is?

Yours faithfully, GEORGE MOODY-STUART (Chairman),

Transparency International (UK), St Nicholas House, St Nicholas Road, Sutton, Surrey SMI IEL. January 25.

From the Chairman of The Olympians

Sir, Mr Juan Antonio Samaranch may plead ignorance of the corrup-tion within his International Olympic Committee, but he cannot walk away from the fact that he personally set the parameters for Olympic profligacy.

We are told that he expects a stretch limousine for even the shortest of journeys, that he will seldom use public transport but expects private helicopters, aircraft and even trains to be available for him to reach the best suite in the finest hotel in any city that

is hosting his visit. This grandiose lifestyle has inevitably sent strong messages to his colleagues and minions within the IOC, many of whom have come to regard the Olympic Movement as a

gravy-train and act accordingly. What we need now is an IOC President who exhibits a more humble and restrained approach to the development of the Olympic ethos.

Yours faithfully. JOHN DISLEY Chairman, The Olympians, Hampton House, Upper Sunbury Road. Hampton, Middlesex TW12 2DW.

something new. The principle of continuing aviation at Bentwaters has

been well established since 1993 by

government-appointed inspectors, the

county council and the district coun-

cil, partly in recognition of the fact

that Suffolk is now the only English

county without a commercial airport.

Sir, It's been a long while since I have read such an OTT and self-important squawk of pointless panic as from the "names" at Aldeburgh. They should be ashamed of themselves for associat-

All that is required is for what little

traffic there's ever likely to be from

Bentwaters to avoid Snape. Even Joan

Sutherland at full throttle couldn't be

Yours faithfully, YANN BORGSTEDT

Anglia International Airpark,

From Mr Lewis Benjamin

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heard from three miles away.

17 Brown Court, Westfields,

Ashby de la Zouch LE65 2LZ.

Deaf ex-servicemen

Sir, As an ENT consultant I am fre-

quently asked to give an opinion as to

whether a person's deafness is the

result of noise exposure at work. Dur-

ing the consultation it often emerges

that this person had been exposed to

In order to ascertain which of these

exposures is the cause of the present

deafness (letters, January 18) it would

be very helpful if I could see an audio-

gram taken of his hearing on being

discharged from the Army. Whenever

I make such a request, however, I am

told that no audiogram is available.

An opinion is therefore only possible

An audiogram carried out at demobilisation would not be very

time-consuming, especially if consent were restricted to those who had been

exposed to the noise of heavy guns.

Such a process would save a great

deal of time and be fair both to the

31 Rodney Street, Liverpool LI 9EH.

Sir, As someone who has been unem-

ployed for a year, I was interested to read Mr Frank Field's letter (January

I have just returned from my local

jobcentre, having been invited for a

routine interview, my sixth since Aug-

ust. The interview did not take place.

Like all the previous five it was can-

celled because there was no staff

I have no way of knowing how

widespread is the problem of staffing

in the employment service: but if my

local office is representative, one won-

ders whether Mr Field's suggestion of

a sophisticated monitoring system is

really practicable. Even computer-

generated data require a human

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being to evaluate them.

TIMOTHY GIBBON.

Flat B, 66 Farleigh Road,

Stoke Newington, N16 7TQ.

Yours faithfully.

January 18.

member available to conduct it.

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plaintiff and to the Army.

Seeking work

From Mr Timothy Gibbon

Yours faithfully.

J. SIEGLER

January 19.

on the basis of the probabilities.

noise during his military service.

From Mr J. Siegler, FRCS

Yours in disbelief

January 21.

LEWIS BENJAMIN.

Rendlesham, Suffolk IP12 2RJ.

(Project Manager),

January 21.

### Airport at Aldeburgh

From Mr Yann Borgstedt

Sir, The letter from the chief executive of Aldeburgh Productions and others about an airport three miles from Snape Maltings at Bentwaters (January 21) was long on emotion but short on information.

The US military airfield at Bentwaters coexisted happily with the Maltings for many years. There is no reason why that cannot happen again. We have told the new chief executive we would very much like to work with him to achieve that.

We are, after all, talking about a local airport with projections of ten commercial flights a day in ten years' time, using quiet, modern aircraft which will hardly be heard at The Maltings above the background noise Aldeburgh Town Council, which is

equally concerned about the success of the festival, has no reservations about our plan to regenerate a derelict eyesore, creating 2,000 jobs with homes on the doorstep, while restoring local heath and woodland. They have voted 11-2 in favour of our proposal.

After all we are not proposing

### Thatcher on leadership

From Mr Kenneth Harris

Sir, Magnus Linklater, in his most stimulating column, "A hole at the heart of this parliament" (January 21). recalls, with approval, the now famous words of Margaret Thatcher, . . you've got to have a togetherness, a unity in your Cabinet", and her belief in a Cabinet composed only of the people who want to go in the direction which every instinct tells me we have to go. Clearly, steadily, firmly, with resolution".

Mr Linklater states that this couraeeous unterance was made "early in Thatcher's first administration".

In fact, she made it to me, in an interview for The Observer) several weeks before the 1979 election, which many thought she would lose, at the head of a much divided party, most of whose leaders strongly disapproved of her view on how to run governments, some fearing her airing of them might cost them the election.

Yours etc. KENNETH HARRIS, 45 Molyneux Street, London WIH 5HW. January 21.

### Problem shelved

From Mrs Imogen Mottram Sir, Unable to find any tins of toma-

toes in the canned vegetables section of a supermarket in Aberdeen (letters, January 18 and 20) I was directed to the Italian section, marked Foreign

Yours sincerely. IMOGEN MOTTRAM, 15 Freewaters Close, Ickleford, Nr Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG5 3TQ. January 21.

From Mr M. J. J. Tanner

Sir, Whilst in Normandy last summer. I found Bisto gravy powder in a hardware shop on the same shelf as colouring for tile groun. And in a small town near Oslo, a

number of years ago. I saw Findus fish fingers in a freezer selling frozen

Yours sincerely. M. J. J. TANNER. 2 Highfield Road, Worthing, West Sussex BN13 IPX. January 20.

### call to parents From Mrs Jenny Anderson

Sir, I am more offended by Sir Paul McCartney's message to parents (re-port and advertisement, January 25) than by his late wife's use of the F-word in her new single.

Tone of Sir Paul's

His sarcastic and mocking tone would more become a cocky, teenage pop star who is in the throes of youthful rebellion than an ageing one whose remarks should be tempered by his years and the responsibilities of parenthood, For shame, Sir Paul,

JENNIFER ANDERSON. 6 Hailey Lane, Hertford SG13 7NX, jackande@globalnet.co.uk January 25,

From Mr Rodney Gray

Sir, Your newspaper roday contains a half-page advertisement by Sir Paul McCartney, but no address to which

one may reply.

I hold Sir Paul in the highest regard. I am a great admirer of his work and that of his late wife, and I felt enormous sympathy with him when she died, I can accept, too, his views about the words to which he refers and that in many areas today they are in common use. I wonder if he can accept, however, that there are those to whom they give great offence. I for one have no wish to hear them on my radio or television, even though I

am about the same age as Sir Paul.
While I fully support the rights of those who wish to buy the record and hear the lyrics, I also fully support those who seek to avoid giving offence to me and countless others by not bringing the words into my home.

Yours sincerely, RODNEY GRAY. Homefield, Horndean, Berwick upon Tweed TDI5 IXJ. January 25.

### Baths at Oumran

From Mr Robert Feather

Sir, Ms Gloria Moss, in her article in Faith and Freedom on the so-called "Ist-century health spa" at Qumran (report, January 18), appears to ignore the evidence that the main activity of the community of Essenes at Qumran was prayer and devotion to holy texts. Similar Immersion baths to those at

Qumran (which is not in Jordan, as you report, but in Israel) have been found elsewhere in Israel, and the community's writings make it clear that extreme cleanliness and ritual washing was essential to their way of life - hence the large number of baths. The community did have secrets, it is true, but these related to things other than medicines.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT FEATHER, 35 Baxendale, Whetstone, N20 0EG.

### Golden years

From Dr Julia Leach

Sir, I have long believed that middle age (letters, January 5, 12 and 19) is ten years older than me, and old age is ten years older than my parents.

Yours faithfully. JULIA LEACH, The Lodge, Sandy Lane, Old Lakenham, Norwich NRI 2NR.

From Mr Bob Capon Sir. I aways understood that 40 is the old age of youth and 50 the youth of old age.

Yours faithfully. R. W. CAPON, 54 Ridgeway Crescent, Orpington, Kent BR6 9QP. January 22

From Mr Henry R. Magrill Sir, Perhaps the best late 20th-century definition of middle age is: "Too old to be a toy boy and too young to be a sugar daddy". Yours faithfully,

HENRY R. MAGRILL Flat 6, 7 Cleveland Gardens, W2 6HA. magrill@clara\_net

### Time warp

From Mr Ivan K. Rowland

Sir, I seem to recall that the esteemed film critic Mr Barry Norman referred to the film 2010 as "ten past eight" (letter, January 19).

Yours faithfully, IVAN K. ROWLAND. 59 Codrington Hill, SE23 ILR. January 19.

### Heavenly bliss

From Mrs Janet Kingston

Sir, Dr Stutteford states in his article on Viagra (Medical briefing, January 22), "there is no sex in the graveyard". Any vicar, vicar's wife, verger, sexton, etc. would tell him that there is usually evidence to the contrary in most graveyards. I suspect my husband has often baptised a baby conceived within a few yards of the font!

Yours faithfully. JANET KINGSTON. 8 Pengilly Road, Farnham GU9 7XQ. roykingston@lineone.net January 22.



### COURT CIRCULAR

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and the rimes Mangaret, Countess
of Snowdon were present.

The following were invited: His
Excellency the High Commissioner
for New Zealand and Mr Alan
Williams (Roceign Policy Adviser).

The Queen and The Duke of
Edinburgh were represented by Rear
Admiral Rod Lees (Defence Services
Commissions the Dissert of Page Secretary at the Funeral of Rear Admiral Str Leslie Townsond former-by Defence Services Secretary) which was held at Pornchester Crematori-

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Rear Admiral Patrick Rowe (Deputy Master, Corporation of Trinity House, London), at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Captain Neil Turner (Elder Brother of Trinity House), which was held at of Trinity House, which was held at St Olave's Church, City of London,

### Luncheons

SABA/Macmillan Publishers Ltd Mr F.W. de Klerk was guest of honour and guest speaker at a luncheon of the Southern Africa Business Association/Macmillan Publishers Ltd held yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's, Baroness Chalker of Wallasey. Honorary President of the Association. was the host. Mr de Klerk also signed copies

of his autobiography The Last Trek: A New Beginning.

Fruiterers' Company
Mr Anthony Redsell, Master of the
Fruiterers' Company, presented the
company's 1998 Marden Fruit Show
diplomas at a luncheon held yesterday at Innholders' Hall. The award of
hest exhibit of Pars wares to Mr. best exhibit of Pears went to Mr Victor Breach, best Culinary Apples to Mr Nigel Bandsley and best Dessert Apples to Mr Robert Minch-ell, Mr G.L. Doubleday also spoke. Afterwards the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Master, Judge D. M. Cryan; Upper Warden, Mr Laurence Suphen Olins; Renter War-den, Mr Hugh Edwin Byron Kelsey.

North Yorkshire Lord Crathorne has been appointed Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire In succession to Sir Marcus Worsley

who will be retiring on March 24. Royal Institution of Chartered The annual dinner of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors will take place on February 23 and not January 23 as announced in The Times on Monday, For tickets phone next 2014 and 2015.

# Memorial service: Viscount Rothermere

Viscount Rothermere The Prime Minister read a lesson at a memorial service for Viscount Rothermere held yesterday in Westminster Abbey.

The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Dominic Fenton, Precentor, the Bishop of London and Canon John Oates Rector of St Bride's, Fleet Street, who led the prayers.

Viscount Rothermere, son, gave a reading. Mr Paul Dacre, Editorin-Chief, Associated Newspapers. and Mr Ian Wooldridge, Chief Sports Writer, Daily Mail, gave

Baroness Thatcher, LG, OM, FRS, accompanied by Sir Denis Thatcher, the Leader of HM Opposition and Mrs Hague, and the Chairman of the Conservative Party attended.

The President of Hungary was represented by the Hungarian Ambassador, Among others present were:

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The Dowager Viscountess Rothermere (widow), Mr and the Hon Mrs. Glyn Manwell ison-in-leve and daughter-in-level. Hon Mrs. Glyn Manwell ison-in-leve and daughter-in-level, the Hon Mrs. Canalla Yeakes Idaughter), the Hon Mrs. Accounters Rothermere (daughter-in-level, the Hon Mrs. Werbourd and the Hon Lady Cooper-Key (sisters), the Hon Esmond Harmsworth Paul-Fordisch, Mr and Mrs. Nicholas Mathrews, Involver-in-law and sister-in-law, Mrs. Jenny Willis (sister-in-law), Mrs. Nicholas Mathrews, Involver-in-law and sister-in-law), Mrs. Jenny Willis (sister-in-law), Mrs. Anne Durtram, Dr. D. F. Spencer, the Earl and Counties of Cromer, Mone Anne-Marie of Estainville, Mrs. Anna Cooper-Key, the Hon Vivian Barring, Mr Romer, Mone Anne-Marie of Estainville, Mrs. Anna Cooper-Key, Mrs. Cara. Cooper-Key, Mr. Rowley Barring, Mr. Thomas Barring, Mr. Romer, Manhewy, Mr. Henry Maithests, Mr. Feits Manthews, Mr. Henry Maithests, Mr. Feits Manthews, Miss. Tamara Gray, Mr. and Mrs. James Andy-Colinis. Mr and Mrs. Miles Harmsworth. Land Harmsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Clemence, Mrs. Henry Miles Harmsworth. Land Harmsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Harmsworth. Mr. and Mrs. Terry Clemence, Mrs. Henry Mrs. Ben. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Clemence, Mr. and Mrs. Miles Harmsworth. Mr. and Mrs. Terry Clemence, Mrs. Henry Mrs. Ben. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Clemence, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mrs. Lader, the Romanian Ambassador and Mrs. Gabainen, Mr. Barnerican Ambassador and Mrs. Sabainen. Mr. Barnerican Farl Alexander of Tunis, Earl and Cromes of Commerce of Tunis.

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Lord and Lady Rothermere, and the Dowager Lady Rothermere yesterday 

Birthdays today Mr Ronald Allison, author and broadcaster, 67; Admiral Sir Des-

mond Cassidi, 74; Mr Timothy Clifford, director, National Galleries of Scotland, 53; Mrs Margaret Daly, former MEP, 61; Mr Martin Dunn, former Editor, Today, 44; Mr Christopher Hampton, play-wright, 53; Mr Romie Hilton, emertainer, 73; Mr Kim Hughes, cricketer, 45: Professor Marie Ja-hoda, Professor Emeritus of Social Psychology, Sussex University, 92;

the Right Rev David Jenkins, former Bishop of Durham, 74; Miss Eartha Kitt, singer, 71; Mr S.J.B. Langdale, former Headmaster, Shrewsbury School, 62; Mrs Anne Macfarlane, former Master of the Court of Protection, 69: Mr William McLennan, former chief executive, Central Statistical Office, 57.

Mr Akio Morita, KBE, founder and honorary chairman, Sony Corporation, 78; Mr Paul New-man, actor, 74; Dr Paul Nurse,

# **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr A.F. King and Miss N.S. Waldack

Hadield, Herdordshire.

The engagement is announced between Alistair, eldest son of Mr

Nigel King, of Malmesbury, Wilshire, and Mrs. Christine Priest of Yeovil, Somerset, and Narasha, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Wilduck, of

Mr D.F.I. Lloyd and Miss N.F. Good The engagement is announced between Lyndon, eldest son of Mr

between Lyndon, of Cambridgeshire, and Mrs Gillian Lloyd, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and Natalie, only daughter of Dr Harvey

Montgomery Good, of San Francisco, and the late Mrs

Christine Good, formerly of

and Miss V.G. Davies
The engagement is announced
between Smart, elder son of Mr

and Mrs Brian Marston, of High

Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, and Vanessa, daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Davies, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

and Miss A.M. Williams
The engagement is announced between Timothy, son of Mr and Mrs R.L. Morley, of Bovingdon,

London. Mr S.A. Marston

Mr T.J. Morley

and Miss J.M.P. O'Gorman The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Mrs Barrett and the late Mr John Barrett, formerly of Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloocestershire, and Joanna, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian O'Gorman, of Weybridge, Surrey. Mr C.P.J. Bourne

and Miss E.S. Wood The engagement is announced-between Charles, second son of Mr and Mrs Richard Bourne, of Tilford, Surrey, and Emily, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Wood, of Hascombe, Surrey. Mr P.K.R. Foot and Miss A.K. Richards

The engagement is announced between Paris, eldest son of Mr. Keith Foot and the late Mrs Foot. of Molo, Kenya, and Amelia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Richards, of Ramsden, Oxfordshire. Mr J.M. Henfrey and Miss C.M. Hughes

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs. Christopher Henfrey, of Spurstow, Cheshire, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hughes, of Winnersh, Berkshire. Lieutenant R.P.H. Hutchings, RN, and Miss S.C. Hardcastle

RN, and Miss S.C. Hardcastle.
The engagement is announced, hetween Richard, younger son of Mr Hugh Pilkington-Cushion, of New Malden, Surrey, and of Mrs Judy Hutchings, of East Mersea, Essex, and Sophie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Hardcastle, of Dunsfold, Surrey, Mr C.A. Jones Mr C.A. Jones

and Miss A.R. Heath The engagement is ansounced between Christopher, only son of Mr and Mrs Alan Jones, of Cambridge, and Alison, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Heath, of Cabus, Garstang Lancashire. Mr C. Palmer

and Miss C. May The engagement is announced, between Charles, third son of the late Mr and Mrs.T.H.B. Palmer, of Detling, Kent, and Collette, elder-daughter of Mr and Mrs P. May,

The President of Cardiff Business

Club, Mr C.N.D Coles, and the

Lord Lieutenant of South Glamor-

gan, Captain N. Lloyd Edwards, were present at a dinner held by

the Chib at the Park Hotel, Cardiff.

last night. The Guest Speaker was

Mr A.R. Lewis, President, Marylo-

bone Cricket Cinb. Mr Gareth Edwards, Chairman, Hamdden,

of Springfield, Essex.

Cardiff Business Club

Hyder plc, presided.

Dinners

Herifordshire, and Anne, only daughter of the late Mr E.L. Williams and of Mrs Williams, of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex. Mr M. Riley and Miss J.M. Hook The engagement is announced between Mark youngest son of Mr J.W. Riley, of Kirkham, Lancashire,

and Mrs E. Frances, of Primrose Hill, London, and Jennifer, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Hook, of York. Mr W.R.S. Sitwell and Miss L.B. McCorquodale

The engagement is announced between William Ronald between William Ronald Sacheverell, younger son of Mr and Mrs Francis Sitwell, of Weston Hall, Towester, Northamptonshire, Mr and Mrs Euan McCorquodale, of St Boswells Bank, Metrose Ruchurghshire.

The Chamber of Shipping Mr David Cobb, JP. President of The Chamber of The Chamber of Shipping, pres ed at the Annual Dinner of The Chamber held at the London Hilton on Park Lane on Monday, January 25. Dr John Reid, Minister of State, Department of the Environment, Transport and the J. Miles Duncan also spoke. Among the other guests were: Mr William O'Nell, Viscount Runchmen of Deniurd, Lord Serting of Plaintow, Mr J.A. Lindjopaceus and Mr Westfal Larsen.

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Teach me, O LORD, to fol-low your decrees; then I will keep them to the end Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart. Psalm 119.33-34 (NIV).

BIRTHS

21st at The Portland Hospital to Suman and Ajay, a daughter, Anya. Alay, a Caugater, Anya.

BAGGIO - On January 20th
at The Portland Hospital
to Laura (noe Di Glozgio)
and Armando, a beautiful
aou, Edoardo.

BROCHE - On January 2 and at The Portland Hospital to Natalie and Firanceis, a son, Eliott, a brother for Elmas.

CHARAI - On January 18th at The Portland Hospital to Michai (née van Dijk) and Ofer, a daughter, Amit Noga. ClOFF: - On January 15th at The Portland Hospital to Patricia (nea Hamzahee)

and Angelo, a daughter Alexandra, and a son, Armando.

Armando.
COE - On January 19th at
The Portland Hospital to
Therese into Johansson)
and Ian, a daughter,
Louise.
DARGAN - On 21st January
1999 to Nicholas and
Allson Whitelaw at the
Queens Medical Centre.
Nottingham, a beautiful
daughter, Scarlett
Elizabeth.

EDGE - On the 21st January to Violet (née Vyper) and Richard, a daughter, Isobel Rose, sister for George.

ERASMUS - On January 18th at The Portland Hospital to Maureen (née Hafiey) and Lewrie, 2 ser Nicholas GBL - On January 16th to Alida (née Bargpeter) and Hugo, a daughter.

REMP - On January 19th at The Portland Hospital to Renata (nee Helmich) and Richard, a son, Jonathan Michael.

LEES - On January 21st at The Portland Hospital to Susan (née Kur) and Matthew, a son, Joshua Dayid LONGSDON - On January 22nd to Fiona (pée Cassidy) and James, a son.

MAYER - On January 19th at The Portland Hospital to Irmela and Peter, a son, Charles Christopher, the newest member of the ismity. MOOUTOUMSEE - On Inspirery 21st at The

January 21st at The Portland Hospital to Juliette and Jeseph, 2 son, Oliver Fernand. NENDICK - Ian and Emma (néo Copeland) are delighted to announce the birth of their bestuiful daughter Zoe Frances Copeland, on 5th January 1999 at The Rosie

PAYNE - On 23rd January 1993 at 22.24 to Daniel and Joanne Payne, a little boy, Bertis James. Hello and welcome to all from Bertie RENDLE/DORIS - On January 19th 1999 in Bristol to Andrew and Anna, a beautiful daughter, Olivia BIRTHS OBERTS - On Jahuary 22nd, to Vanetsa (née Wright) and Matthew, a daughter, illa Rosematy

ROWAN HAMILTON - On January 21st to Polly (née Martin) and Gawn, a son, Jake Douglas JEER Douglas.

SMYTHE - On 25th January
1999 to Michell and
Charles a bealthy boy,
Daniel George, born at
1.38pm at Royal London
Hospital, weighing Sibs
10ccs.

TAMLYN - On 18th January to Katherine and Alen, a son, James Ralph Hugo. TAYLOR - On January 18th at The Portland Hospital to Lucy (née Howlett) and Timothy Charles, a son, Henry Charles. ON DER HEYDE - On 19th December to Serens (née Powell-Shedden) and Alexander, a son, Gabriel Heinrich Sigismund.

WELLS - On January 21st to Kathryn (neé Cordon) and Kit, a daughter, Victoria Heather, a sister for Josephine.

MHSTICAE - On January
21st 1999, to Lucy (née
Broke) and Ashley, a
daughter, Allegra Amber
Joanna, a sister for Vere. Willett - On 17th
September 1938 to Eileen
(née Wada) and Andrew,
a son, George Julu Wada,
a brother for Matthew and

WONG - On January 14th at The Portland Hospital to Penelope and Andrew, a son, Timothy Say, a brother for Emily.

DEATHS

ARCLAY - Janet Evelyn Lucas (née Man) suddenly on Friday 22nd January at home. Beloved wife of the late John Barclay and adored mother of Rachel adored mother of Rachel and Jane. A very special and much loved grandmother, mother-in-law, aunt, great-aunt, cousin and friend to so many. She will be greatly missed. Funeral service at Rolvenden Parish Church on Thursday 38th January 2.30 pm. Pissae come. Donations if desired to L'Arche or Arthritis Research c/o C W Lyons and Son, 70 Military Road.

and Son, 70 Military Ros

BARNES - Patricia Mary, suddenly at home on 30th December 1998. Funeral to be beld at Yeovil ca beid at Yeovil
Crematorium on 5th
February 1999 at 12 noon.
Family flowers only.
Donations, if desired, to
the British Heart Foundation. Enquiries to 0118 973 3387.

EARNSLEY - Michael died
21st January 1999
peocafully. Dear husbend
and best friend of Marsha.
Only son of Disma and the
late Paul. Will be very
sadly missed. Funeral
Service in The Lady
Chapel of Hereford
Cathedral at 12 noon on
Saturday 30th January. No
black ties pleasa. No
flowers. Donations may be
sent to Cheral Foundation
Hereford Cathedral. ARMSLEY - Michael died

DEATHS

BLACK - Sam MBE Professor International Public Relations. January 23rd aged 84. Funeral at St Andraws Church. Totteridge Lane, Thureday 28th at 2.30 and at 2.30 at Colden Greek Golders Green Crematorium, Family

BOOSEY – Ethel Torfrida, peacefully at the Queen Alexandra Hospital, Portsmouth, on January Alexandra Hospital, Portamouth, on January 21st, in her 100th year. Dearly loved wife of the lare Ladie Hoosey, Much loved mother of Anthony, Torfrida, Smonther and great-grandmother and great-grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at 12 noon on February 8th at All Seinte Church, Denmead, Fanily lowers only, or domations if wished to the Portamouth Hospital Rocky Appeal (Kidney Dialysie), c/o J Edwards and Son Funeral

Portumouth Hospital Rocky Appeat (Ridney Dialysis), c/o J Edwards and Son Funeral Directors, 13 St. George's Walk, Waterlooville, Hampshire, PO7 710; 017052 63194.

BURGESS - On Thursday 21st January 1993, peacefully, Lillian Margaret Colvin (Ann) aged 94, widow of Freddy Burgest, much loved mother of Joanna and Victoria, grandmother of Catharine Staughton and Sarah Donaldson, greet grandmother of Dongles and Malri. Funeral Service at Chelesa Old Church on Wednesday 3rd February at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Fulham Good Neighbours, 378 Lillie Road, SW6 7PH.

CHITY-Toby of
Edmonstone passed away
peacefully on 22nd
January 1989, aged 94
years. Funeral Service on
Monday ist February, 2pm
at Holy-Trinity Churck.
Hertfordshire. Flowers
may be sent to Porcell

may be sent to Powell Funeral Service, 83 Railway Street, Hertford. Tol 01992 509611. JULEY - Edna Alica on

CLIREY - Edna Alica on 22nd January 1999 peacefully at Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. Farnham after a very long and brave fight against cancer. Much loved wife to Paul and mother to Michael, Graham and Paul. Service at Easthampetsed Park Crematorium on Tuesday 2nd Fehrtary at 11.00 am. Family Rowers only, but 280 reprintly 8: 11.00 and Family flowers only, but donations to Cancer Research Campaign c/o Camberley & District Funeral Directors (01276 32241), would be much appreciated.

COSMONTOM - Cacil Paddy' of Peckham and Hong Kong on 15th January aged 82. Funeral at Aldershot Cramatorium at 11.30 am on Friday 29th January. Donations if January. Donations if desired to Alzheimers

CHBERT - Edward (Ted)
Arthur, Brig. KAR,
unscpectadly and
pescafully pessed sway
20th January 1999, age 73.
Sorely missed by Irane,
Moyra, len and Richard,
Funeral service at York
Crematorium 9 am Friday.
Family flowers only, but
donations, if desired, to
Erskine Hospital for
Disabled Service Men and
Women, Eishopton,
Renfrewshire, Scotland.

De MORGAN - Dians Ann (actress Dians Hope) died on 23rd January. Funeral Service Tuesday 2nd February, 11.15am at St. Anne's Church, Kew Green, Richmond, Surrey. Flowers, or donations to Denville Hall Actory Homes, c/o Andrew Holmes and Son F/D, 0181 744 1125.

DWARDS - Kenneth Charles Stuart Dr. M.R.C. Psych D.P.M. January 24th 1999. Pescafully in hospital of Higheroft, Llandyrnog, Denbigh, North Wales. Dearly loved and sadly missed by all his family. Funeral on Friday January 29th. Service at Llandyrnog Parish Church at 11 am followed by interment at The Churchyard. Family flowers only. Donations in memory, if desired, to The Ruthin Community Cancar Care Fund would be sppredated.

FFRENCH-CONSTANT - Diny, On January 22nd 1999, in Cornwall Peaceful at last after a prolonged struggle with Abzheimers, Beloved wife of Paul, mother of wife of Paul, nother of Sally, Edward, Tanya and Juliet and grandmother of nine. Funeral Service at St Peock Church, near Truro on Friday January 29th at 11.00am. Funeral Director Howard Burrows, Penelaway, Feock, Truro, 01872 863917.

GADD - Michael John of Bearsted, Matchaone.
Much loved husband of Pam and father to Steve.
Chrix and Andrew, died in The Heart of Kent Hospice on Monday 25th January after a long iliness, borne with great courage and dignity. A service of thankegiving for Milor's life will be held on Seturday 30th January at 2pm at Holy Cross Church. Bearsted, All welcome, but no black ties pleasa. No flowers but donations to The Heart of Kent of

Clowers but donation This Heart of Kent Hospics via Vipers and Sons, Funeral Directors, 54 High Street, West Malling, Kent, ME 19 SLU. SRANT - John Joseph Richard of Castle Street,

Richard of Castle Street, Hay-on-Wye, much loved brother of Bernard and Michael On 21st January, after a long lifness. Also his beloved wife, Amile, on 5th January 1999. Funeral to be held at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Hay-on-Wye, on Thursday 28th Jenuary et 3pm. Enquiries to Citive January of 1990. Enquiries to Citive January of 1990. Enquiries to City lames, Undertaker, 01497 847410. Flowest or domations to Macmiljan Nurses at Bronliys Hospital, Powys. RIP.

HANCOX - On January 23rd 1999 peacefully at home in Cobham, Edwine. Funeral Service at Randells Park Crematorium, Leatherhead Friday Jamany 29th at 10.00 am. No flowers, but donations to Muscular Dystrophy c/c F W Paine, LOS High Street Eaber, Surrey KT10 9QJ.

IARRIS - Bryan Alfred, of HARRIS - Buyan Afred, of Sidmouth, on January 21st. 1989, suddenly at home, aged 71 years. Beloved husband of Hez much loved father of Alexandra and Andrew and dear grandfather of Oilvia, Annabel, Lucindi Jessica and Matthew. (Former Senior partner of Every & Phillips, Solicitora). Funeral Service at St Giles & St Nicholas Church, Sidmouth on Saturday Sidmouth on Saturday January 30th at 10.30 am, followed by private

January 30m at 10.00 am, followed by private cramation. Family flowers only but desired, to British Heart Foundations of Pothury's Funeral Service. High Street, Sidmouth, plass.

HARRISON - Squadron
Leader Robert Neel
(Bobbie) DFC RAF (Ret'd)
on Zard January 1999
peacefully after a long
illues. Much loved
husband of Nancy, father
of Noel. Eodney and
Randal, grandinther of
Victoria, Ursuis, Catherine
and Christopher. Funeral
at St Leonards Church,
Minety on Tuesday 2nd
February at 12 noon,
family flowers only.
Donations, if desired, to
the RAF Besselovent Fund. February at 12 noon, family llowers cally. Donations, if desired, to the RAF Besselovant Fun-cion Res. Curter, Fundral Director, High Road, Ashton Kayass, Swindon Wilzs SN6 8NX.

idil - Rowland, previously of Durham Terraca. Ex Conard and Royal Household, passed peacefully away, January 21st in his home town of

HILIOCK - Phyllis Dr (née Lyne) on January 23rd 1993, posceinily in Exeter aged 36 years. Widow of Dr John Hillock and a beloved sunt. Funorpi Service Monday February 1st, Secred Heart Roman Catholic Church, South Street Exeter. 10 am Mose Camous church, Sount Street, Exater, 10 am Mass followed by interment at Highweak Parish Churchyard, Donations to Exeter Hospice, Enquiries Sillifants 01392 272688.

HUGHES - On January 24th at Addenbrooker's Hospital, Cambridge, in her \$2nd year. Dr Lettlee Mary Hughes, (a6e Robernea), of Trever House, Chirk, widow of Dr John Rowland Hughes FRCS, belowed mother of Judy and crandingther of Judy and crandingther of

MG-LEWIS - On January 21st, peacefully, Irene Beryl (Rene). Wife of the late Brigadler Humphrey King-Lewis, mother of the late Michael and dearly layed grandmather of

iate Michael and dearry loved grandmother of Claire and Elaine. Cremation at the Tumbridge Wells Crematorium on Monday 1st February at 11.30 am. No Bowers, donations to British Heart Foundation (Io F. R. Hickmoth & Son c/o E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells TN1 1SD.

LAURENCE - Jessica beloved wife of George and mother of Tom, Cathy and Bea died peachully at home on Friday 22nd January. Funeral at Ali Saints Church, Coleshill, Buckinghamshire, 1.30 pm wednesday 27th January. Family flowers only; donations if deaired to NSPCC.

LAWRENCE - Suddenly at home on 24th Ianuary, John I.A. of Tunbridge Wells, aged 61 years. Dearly loved Husband, Father, Grandfather and Brother. Regulem Mass at St Angustine's R.C. Church, Tunbridge Wells, at 10.30 am on Tuesday 2nd February. Followed by interment in Tunbridge Wells wells Cametery. There will be a gathering for friends who knew John and his family, after the interment. Family flowers only please but doughtons if desired to LIFE, c/o T.W. Boorman Funeral Services, 31 Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells, Kenr TN4 8AA. Telephone 01892 541070.

LECKY - On 22nd January
1999 pescafully in
Fordingbridge Hospital
John, aged 8? - for more
than 50 years a declicated
schoolmaster at Pembroke
Lodge and Sandle Manor.
Fumeral at St Mary's
Church, Fordingbridge on
Friday 25th January at
3pm. Family flowers only.
Donation, if desired, to
Friends of Force Sandle
Manor, Fordingbridge,
SPB 1NS.

LEWIN - T.T. Adm. of the Fleet, Lord, peacefully with his family, after a short illness. Private Cremation. No flowers by request, doubtions if desired to the Shipurcek Marinera Society or desired to the Shipwisha Mariners Society or Animal Line to E.B. Button & Sons Ltd., 24 St. John's Street, Woodbridge Soffolk, IP12 1EB. Tel: 01294 382160.

LEWELLYS-DAVES -Cathlean Mary, sometime Central Secretary of the Mothers' Union, died on January 21st 1999, aged 89 of bronchoppseumonis. A private family funered on February 4th will be followed, at a date to be amounced, by a Memorial Service at the Mary Summer House. No flowers but donations may be sent to the Alzheimers Disasse Society, Groentost Place, London SW1P 1PH.

Sution, Mis Pedicity Swim, Mir and Mirs N C Swindells, Mir Richard Turling, Dr S J Taylor, Mr John K Tessdale, Mr J B Thompson, Mr Migel Truefint, Mirs Wisher Tuckswell, Mir and Mirs B Vine, Mr Alexander Walker, Marker, Mr Patrick Walker, Mr Reith Walerfouse, McConfirey Watts, Mirs J Willis, Mr J S Wallwork, Mr Roy Weaver, Mr and Miss R Wharton. Mr Michael White. Mr W A Confirey A White, Mr Londard G Williams, Mr Pearry Wrung, Mr E J Wirmington-Ingrans, Mr Henry Wrung, Mr E J Wirmington-Ingrans, Mr Henry Wrung, Mr E J Wirmington-Ingrans, Mr Henry Wrung, Mr E J Wirmington-Ingrans, Mr J Wall Zwilsenberg, Representatives of the Brusswick Group, Roote, Cone and Belding, Air Transport Amuliary Association, Leigh & Barrow Consulting, the Prest Compliance Commission, Roles Diamonal Awellers, Energy Stilling Soficious, Matcolat Sargera Ferbival Choir, UPW-Kymmen, Priends of War Memorials, Peng Haired, Hungarjam Freedom Fighers, Freeds, associates, pensioners and other past and present members of the group.

FRS, director-general, Imperial

Cancer Research Fund, 50; Mr.

Christopher Price, former Princi-

pal, Leeds Metropolitan Universi-ty, 67; Mr A.N. Solomons, chair-

man, Singer and Friedlander, 69; the Ven Arthur C. Smith, Archdea-

con Emeritus of Lincoln, Cathe-

dral, 90; Sir Charles Tidbury,

former chairman. Whithread and

Company, 73: Mr M.R. Turner,

publisher, 70; Mr Nigel Wahnsley, chairman, Carlton UK Television.

MASKELL - Vera Bostrica, on 22nd January, pescafully in her sleep at home after a long and typically coursecous struggle squinet illness, aged 84. Dearly loved wife of the iste Group Captain Archibaid Spencer Maskell, much loved mother of Raymond, Jacqueline and Christopher, loving grandmother and greatgrandmother; and beloved sister of Lillian and Robert. Funaral Service at St Mary's Church, Reed, pear Royston at 12.30 on Friday 29th January. Family liewest only, if wished donations in her memory to Macmillan Nurses c/o Cedl Newling. 3 Green Drift, Royston, Herts. SG 5DB.

MATHEWS - Died peacefully following an accident on landary 21st 1999 at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, James Patrick Ford, aged 12 years. Darling son of Ken and Margaret and joying

Darling son of Ken and Margaret and loving hrother of Caroline. Funeral Service to be held at St. Margarett Church. Drayton, Norwick on Priday January 29th at 12 neon. Plowers to Peter Taylor Funeral Services. St Unthank Road, Norwich or if desired donations in memory of lames to the Headmanter, Norwich School, The Close. Norwich School, The Close. Norwich School, The Close. Norwich

Close, Norwich.

NEWSOME - Jean Florence aged 72 in the Comberland infirmary, Carlists after a seven weak illness.

Beloved wife of Dr. David Newsome, former Majtur of Walington Collega.
Funeral st St. Mary's, Thornthwaits, mear Keswick, on Friday 29th January at 1.30pm, followed by crematicin at Carlisle Crematerium at 2.20pm, Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Intuntive Care Unit, Cumberland Infirmary, Carlisle.

Carliste.

NRCOLL - Alex Cdr, RN, retired. Peacefully at home on Saturday Z3rd January aged 78. Lowing husband of Prue, father of Paul, Tony and Gillian, father-in-law and grandfather. Service of Thanksgiving 2.30pm, Friday 5th February, Our Lady of Lourdes Church; Derby Road, Haslemere. No flowers, donation if wished to RNLL or King Edward VII. Hospital, Midhuret.

PAYRE - Angela, died peacefully at home on Sunday, Jahuary 24th, Much loved wife of Michael, mother of Susia, Sally, Tom and William, and grandmother of Susia, San, Daniel and Chice. Funeral sarrice at Sr. Sam, Daniel and Chice.
Funeral service at St.
Mary's, College Road,
Bromley on Thursday
February 4th at 1,7 am, and
then at Beakenham then at Beekenbarn Crematorium. Flowers to Je B Killick Ltd, 112 Righ Street, Week Wickham. Kant, 0181 777 4502, donations to South Browley Hospice, Orpington Hospital, Orpington, Kent. Commercial Control of the Control of the Control of Con

IFB, tel: 0115 960 5197,

ZFR, eel: 0115 960 5197,
PHALIPS - Elizabeth,
peacefully at bome on
January 23rd after a long
illness, Beloved wife of
William and much loved
mother of Catherine and
Flora. Funeral Service at
St Mary's Parish Church,
Newick, Sussen, on
Saturday January 30th at
12 noon. Family flowers
only, donations if desired
to Imperial Cancer
Research Fund c/o R.A.
Brooks & Son, Revenale,
Allington Road, Newick,
East Sussen, not (01825)
722395 or (01444) 484391 POLIARD - The Rsy. Noel.
Went to be with his Lord
on January 21st. Much
loved humband of
Margaret, Isther of Sarah,
Ruth, Frances and
Timothy, and grandfather
of Issac. Private family
funeral. Thankingiving
Service inter. Donations in
his memory to the bospice

Service ister, Donations in his memory to the hospice and neurosurgery ward. Chaptes to The Arthur Rank House and Yaddeshrookes Charities—NCCU, sent to B. Warner, 4 Harnhel Court. Cambridge CB1 TUE.

warner, 4 Harabel Court. Cambridge CB1 TUB.

ROEMSON - Ciliford, Priest and true servant of God. Most dearly loved humbend of Anne, father of David and Midge, grandfather, great-grandfather and irlend to so many, after a short but overwhelming illness birwelly borne. He died peaceiruly on Wednesday January 20th aged 75 years. His funeral will be on Tuesday Pebruary 2nd et 12 noon in St. James Church, Stywechale, Coventry followed by family committed at Canley Crematorium Coventry, Family flowers only please but if you wish donnitions may be sent to the Cooperative Funeral Service 11 Lower Holyhead Roed Coventry, for Myton Hospice or the Macmillan, Nurses.

Nurses.

ROSINSON - Reverend
Thomas Irven, Chaplin
Thomas Irven, Chaplin
RAF (Rth), then Restor of
Hilmerton and Highway,
Chaplain in Bahram,
Dhahran, Priset in charge
Stourpaine, Durweston
and Bryanston, resired
1977, Beloved husband of
Edith (died 1980, father of
Barbara, grandisties of
Alastair and Caroline
Outsy, Diad 18th Iammry
after a long Hinese, Service
of Thanksgiving, Friday
5th February, 11.00an St
Marks Church, Binfield
No flowers please.
Departons to Royal United
Kingdom Benefloent
Association, London W14

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BOSE - Professor Horace.
Edgar, after a short iffness
died on 19th January, aged
85 years. Dearly loved
husband of Yde, father to
Peter, Alan, Grace and
Geoffrey, and devoted
Grandpa to five
grandchildren, Funeral
will be at noon on Tuesday
and February, at St.
Andrew's Church, Chiffey,
Hertfordshira, Family
flowers only; donations for-

flowers only; donation "Christoffel Blinden Mission" to Christofiel Blinden
Mission; , to sponsor a new
eye unit in East Africa
(Cheque only) c/o
Nethercott Euneral
Directors, 150, Dankes
Lane, Potters Ber, Herts.
EN6 1AF.

SPACES - On 22nd January in a road accident, Daniel, younger son of Alfred and Claudine Singer.

STEPHENS - Brian Alexis
, Fenwick died peacefully
at Shrewsbury aged 82 on
Tuesday, January 19th.
Loved igther of Nicholas,
Hugo and Coosly,
Formerly of Leighton
Buzzard, Memorial
Service to be announced
Later.

TATHAM - Petricia en 22nd Ismury 1999, sged 97 years. Widow of Berriston Tatham. Funeral at 8t. Michaela Church, Michigham. 2.15pm; Monday 1st February. No Howert please but donations to The Friends of Box. Hill 6/0 Sheriocks. Trellis House, 190 South Street, Dorlding Surrey.

Street, Dorking Survey.

THOMAS - Stanley Michael.
On January 23rd 1999,
suddenly Michael aged 57
years of trybridge.
Beloved Implant of
Judith, dearest father of
Susan, Richard, William
and Jane. A towing fatherin-law and grandfather. A
private family funeral
followed by a
Thankspiving Sarvice on
Friday January 20th at St.
John's Church, Ivybridge
at 12.30pm. Family Rowers
only please, douglious if
desired made payable
either to the Mission for
Deep Sea Fishermen or the
Dame Hannah Rogers
School, may be sent to
Walter Parson, Riverside,
Costly Street, Ivybridge,
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POLLARD - A Memorial Service will be held in Firth Hall, University of Sheffield, on 12th February at 3.30pm to commemorate the life of Professor Sidney Pollard. All his friends are welcome to attend.

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# MAJOR-GENERAL SIR CHARLES DUNPHIE

Major-General Sir Charles Dumbiie, CB. CBE, DSO, Chairman of Vickers, 1962-67, died on January 7 aged 96, He was born on April 20, 1902.

harles Dumphie had three careers: as a Gunner, as a commander of armoured forces and as an industridist. He hit the headlines in the second World War during the Tunisian campaign, when his 26th Armoured Brigade was rushed down from northern Tunisia, and succeeded in checking Rommel's breakthrough at the Kasserine Pass after the rout of the US 2nd Corps in southern Tunisia in

February 1943.
The son of Sir Alfred Dumphie, a director of Courts Bank and onetime assistant treasurer to Queen Alexandra, Charles Anderson Lane Dumphie was educated at the Royal Naval Colleges at Osborne and Dartmouth during the First World War. He intended to make his career in the Royal Navy but when. the war ended the Navy reinstituted its prewar standards for eye-sight (relaxed since 1914) and he

failed the new eye test. He was command 26th Armoured Brigade up and withdrew southwards to the War Office, where he was instead offered a place at the Royal Military Academy, Woofwich, or at

He chose Woolwich and was commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1921. His early service was mostly with Royal Field Artillery and Royal Horse Artillery batteries in India and England.
His career as a Gimner came to

an end in 1937. In-1938 he wasposted to the new experimental Mobile Division on Salisbury Plain and was thereafter involved in armoured warfare and tank development, initially with the British Expeditionary Force in France between 1939 and 1940.

In 1047 he was recognized British. In 1941 he was promoted Briga-

dier, Royal Armoured Corps, at General Sir Alan Brooke's GHQ Home Forces, responsible for the deployment of armoured formations as they were raised to desend England from invasion. When the German threat faded and thoughts were turning to offensive operations, he was given command of 20th Armoured Brigade. He was not destined to take it into action: he was transferred instead to

which was nominated, as part of 6th Armoured Division, to be the Army, which had entered Tunisia leading British armoured forma- and was threatening his rear.
tion in the Allied landings in Dumphie was awarded the DSO for Prench North Africa in November

In February 1943 the American cri de coeur from the Kasserine Pass brought his brigade south-wards to help the US 2nd Corps. Reconncitting the pass personally on February 20, when the Afrika Korps' assault group was attacking it, he realised that the American defence was talling apart. He ordered his motor battalion group - under Lieuténant-Colonel Adrian Gore -- forward into a delaying position just north of the pass, while the rest of his brigade took up a defensive position some miles behind it, ready to block Rommel's thrust into the rear of the Allied

The American defence did col-lapse, bitt Dumphie's brigade fought the IOth Panzer Division to a standstill before it could reach the important town of Thala. Rommel, realising that there was no quick victory to be had at Kasserine, gave strike at Montgomery's Eighth his action in blocking the vital Kasserine-Thala road

General Sir Harold Alexander, who had just arrived to take command of the Tunisian front. decided that something must be done quickly to improve the han-dling of American formations. He persuaded General Patton, who had taken over the defeated US 2nd Corps, to accept British officers on a temporary basis in his corps, divisional and combat command headquarters. Dumphie became his Assistant Chief of Staff for the rest of the campaign, getting on ex-tremely well with him and his staff, He was wounded and awarded the US Silver Star, but knew nothing about the award until he later met Patton, who noticed that he was not wearing the ribbon. Patton had his own cut off and pinned on Dunphie's battledress.

Dumphie returned to England in June 1943 to become deputy direc-tor of the Royal Armoured Corps in

closely involved in armoured fighting vehicle development. He was a natural choice for the appointment of Director General of Fighting Vehicles in the Ministry of Supply at the end of the war. It was then but a short step into his third career as an industrialist.

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In 1948 he was headhunted by Vickers, becoming managing director in 1956 and going on to be chairman from 1962 to 1967. He was on the boards of several other companies associated with the armaments industry, and also of the Westminster Bank and Royal Exchange Assurance. He ended his industrial career as chairman of English Steel. He was knighted for his services to British industry in 1959, and he was a member of Her Majesty's Honourable Corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms, 1952-62.

His first marriage was in 1931 to Eileen, daughter of Lieutenant-General Sir Walter Campbell, After she died in 1978, he married in 1981 Susan, widow of Colonel P. L. M. Wright. She and the son and daughter of his first marriage survive him.



Dunphie: to the rescue of the Americans at the Kasserine Pass in 1943

# JOHN HARRISON

John Harrison, prison governor, died of lung cancer on December 26 aged 55. He was born on June 15, 1943.

THE past three decades have

been especially difficult in the Prison Service. Overcrowding, escapes, riots, staff industrial action and resource shortages combined to make the task of John Harrison's generation of prison governors extremely daunting Surviving from one day to the next without disaster was too often the priorty; improving establishments prequently appeared near im-possible. Yet, despite this background, Harrison succeeded in keeping the establishments he governed on an even keel.

His techer, N. H. Harrison, had been Governor of North Sea Camp Borstal in Lincolnshire and then Governor Class 2 of the larger Portland Borstal in Dorset During his career, the Harrison family moved quite frequently between prison quarters estates, generally close to establishments. Working par- prowess, which extended far



Harrison: a flair for getting through to staff and prisoners

This stood him in good stead when he entered the Prison Service in 1969. He was always very proud of his family links with the service. for him it was never just a job. A big man, he played rugby for years, and was an England trialist. His sporting

beyond rugby, helped him to ly in evidence, so John grew build relationships with both up accustomed to offenders staff and prisoners. He was and to penal establisments.

This strong him in the strong him in th with a great sense of humour and a gift for telling stories, all of which led to his being

> community.
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> A tough fighter for issues he regarded as important, he had a flair for getting his message across to both staff and prisoners. But he was also a very

liked right across the prison

private man, with considerable inner strengths, especial-ly noticeable in the way he coped with his final illness. John Louis Harrison was born in St Albans. He attend-

ed Rochdale, Maidstone and Hampton Grammar Schools. On leaving school in 1961, he joined a firm of estate agents in Boston, Lincolnshire, which fostered a lifelong interest in antiques and collectibles. His rugby in this period included playing against the touring Springboks in 1969. It was also during this time that he met Christine Smith, whom he married in 1971.

In 1969, while teaching part-time at North Sea Camp, he was approached by the Gover-nor, Michael Selby, who sug-gested that he might follow in his father's footsteps and join the Prison Service. After selection and training he was posted back to North Sea Camp. where one of his first jobs was to supervise a work party charged with demolishing the old prefabricated quarter that he had lived in as a boy.

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recognised and in September 1970 he joined the staff course at the Prison Service College, Wakefield, on promotion to assistant governor. Afterwards he was posted to Morton Hall, Lincolnshire, and then Huntercombe in Oxfordshire, both small Borstal institutions. Promotion to deputy governor came in 1978, and he moved to Rochester borstal, a reflection of his ability in work

with young offenders. In 1982, to widen his experience, he was transferred to the South East regional office. This was a time of acute population pressure, resulting in prisoners overflowing into police cells, causing considera-ble political embarrassment. Managing incidents and the consequences of staff strikes was also part of Harrison's brief, and he proved very good at these demanding tasks and reliable under pressure. He was soon selected for promotion to Governor Class 3 and posted to Wandsworth Prison as deputy governor, his first experience of working with adult prisoners.

Further promotion to Governor Class 2 guickly followed, and he was then given responsibility for overseeing all the establishments in the South East. This was the time of the introduction of "Fresh Start", a radical change to staff conditions, and Harrison quickly gained the respect of his governor colleagues.

He was given his first command in 1990, when he took charge of the Young Offender Institution at Stake Heath in Shropshire. In 1991 he transferred to Canterbury Prison, bringing him much closer to his home in Surrey. Prison populations were growing very fast as a consequence of Michael Howard's "prison works" policy. Canterbury took its share of the increase, and Harrison's priority was maintaining stability.

He was especially pleased to be selected for further promotion to Governor Class 1 in 1994, and after a short spell in charge of Frankland Maximum Security Prison near Durham and some months working on policy at Prison Service HQ, he took charge of Risley Prison in Cheshire in

Risley was a complex and unusual prison with a difficult history, but he largely succeeded in maintaining its positive regime in the face of severe budget reductions. This took all his skill and determination, and involved difficult negotiations with local trade unions. He also laid the foundations for an important initiative to tackle drug offending, something he was still developing when his final illness overcame him.

John Harrison leaves a widow. Christine, and two sons and two daughters.

# THEO MATHEW

Theo Mathew, Windsor Herald at the College of Arms, 1978-97, died on December 24 aged 56. He was born on April 7, 1942.

AS ONE of the royal heralds Theo Mathew took part annually in the State Opening of Parliament, and the Garter Service at Windsor Castle. These were roles he greatly enjoyed, as he had a certain weakness for uniforms and decorations, which is not un-

known in his profession.

State ceremonial is the most public aspect of the work of the heralds but the far greater part of their time is devoted to heraldic and genealogical re-search, emering pedigrees in the College of Arms registers, overseeing heraldic artwork and designing new coats of arms, of which about 180 are granted each year. The dry tasks of drawing up pedigrees and making searches in the college records did not always prove sufficiently diverting for Mathew's imaginative mind. Besides ceremonial, it was the creation of new arms which gave him the greatest pleasure. He would never delegate the preparation of sketches of artist but drew them himself with often painstaking atten-

tion but, as he was the first to admit, variable results. Theobald David Mathew was born in London, the son of Robert Mathew, and Joan, elder daughter of Sir George Young, 4th Baronet. He was educated at Downside and Balliol, where he read history.

An early false start to his career provided a sharp contrast to his family's previous distinction in the legal profession - a contrast which he viewed with a characteristically perverse pride and amuse-

ment. His great-grandfather, Sir James Mathew, was, as he would often relate, a Lord Justice of Appeal; his grandfather, another Theobald Mathew, a recorder, and the author of four volumes of Forensic Fables; his father a solicitor; and the young Theo for a period an articled clerk

with Frere Cholmeley. Not finding the law to his liking he went to work as a research assistant to Sir Anthony Wagner, then Garter King of Arms, whose protegé he became. He served as a Green Staff Officer at the investiture of the Prince of Wales in 1969 and was appointed Rouge Dragon Pursuivant the following year. He relin-quished that office when advanced to Windsor Herald in 1978, with some relief, musing that at only 5ft oin tall he failed to meet expectations of appearance, and that Rouge Dragon should be at least oft oin with a thick growth of bright ginger hair. Theo Mathew was a bach-

elor of modest private means. and of generally simple but occasionally extravagant and romantic tastes. A portrait of a 19th-century member of his family, Father Theobald Math-Temperance", gesturing towards gushing water, dominated the drawing room of his house in St John's Wood. While the young Theo Mathew was far from puritanical. and was always the most generous and convivial of hosts, he could not rival another family member, General Montague Mathew, who died at a dinner party in 1819, and is remembered for being

men" in Co Tipperary. The Mathew seat, Thomastown Castle in Co Tipperary, passed out of family owner-

one of the last "four-bottle

ship in the 19th century and fell into ruin. In 1938 it was bought back by David Mathew, the historian and titular Archbishop of Apamea in Bythinia, and was eventually passed by him to his kinsman Theo, whom he made his heir. Latterly Theo, although often staying with cousins in Dublin, rarely found time to visit what has been described as "one of the most spectacular of all the many ruined Gothic

castles in Ireland".

Capable of finding the comic side of virtually any situation, Theo Mathew was a rich source of amusing anecdote. His sharp ear noticed the finest nuances of voice and accent, and this, combined with remarkable powers of mimicry, allowed him to tell any tale with a full range of appropriate voices.

Perhaps in part due to a similarity in stature his most perfect imitation was that of the present Duke of Norfolk who, by virtue of holding the hereditary office of Earl Marshal, has powers of supervi-sion over the College of Arms. Often the Earl Marshal's military voice would be heard reverberating round the college libraries, causing consterthat he was making an unannounced visit. But nearly always this would turn out to be "only Theo".

Realising that he did not have the dedication to his profession necessary to secure further advancement he watched stoically as more earnest colleagues were promoted over him. He inspired great affection and was a warm-hearted and faithful friend. In 1997 he retired from the College of Arms and moved to West Mersea in Essex, the scene of many happy childhood holidays.



Theo Mathew, Windsor Herald, seated right, with the other heralds at the State Opening of Parliament in November 1981

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### **GENERAL BOOTH** AND THE POOR

To the Editor of The Times Sir, in the letter from "General" Booth to the Lord Mayor, published in your columns on the 20th inst, he had written that "on one night of last week during the frost and snow our officers found on one of the Thames bridges no less than 164 persons of various ages without any sort of sheher or protection from the weather than that provided by the parapets surrounding the recesses of the footpaths. Here most of these poor creatures remained all night." The facts thus stated at once received an absolute denial from the Lord Mayor and from Colonel Henry Smith, the Police Commissioner; and it was pointed out by the latter than no one is allowed to remain at night on any of the bridges within the jurisdiction of the City Police.

Thus challenged, "General" Booth writes to you on the 23rd inst, that he might through madvertence have stated that the 164 homeless people were "on the bridge", but that they certainly were either upon or in immediate proximity to the bridge, whatever the last phrase may mean. It is something, perhaps, to gain an admission from the "General" that the crowded "recesses" were a delusion

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# ON THIS DAY

### **JANUARY 26, 1891** 华州的金融

Several correspondents were critical of "inadvertent" remarks by General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, concerning Blackfriars Bridge and its "recesses"

introduced into his picture of London distress by what he calls inadvertence. But he does not retreat with good grace; the 164 sufferers are merely shifted to a locality almost impossible to identify; and you may therefore think that the following further information throws some useful light upon a subject which, however tiresome it has become, must remain of interest to the public so long as "General"

Booth's appeal for money continues.

First, then, in reference to the question whether the London bridges are frequented at night by homeless and penniless persons, I

vent last night to Blackfriars Bridge — the went last night to Biacktrians Bridge — the bridge supposed to be referred to by "General" Booth — and I walked the bridge on both sides between 12 and 1 o'clock, examining the recesses. There was not a single person who had the appearance of being penniless or homeless; there was not a single person in any of the recesses; and the bestien supports he being the bridge who had done police constable on the bridge, who had done duty there at night for the last three months, informed me that the statement made by "General" Booth were without foundations.

But I can supply a more instructive test than the experience of a single night. There is, in another part of London, in one of the poor districts of Westminster, a well-known charit-able institution called the Newport Market Refuge, where men and women are taken in for seven consecutive nights and fed gratui-tously. What has been the experience of the officials there as to the distress of this winter? I find that during the whole month of November the refuge was not full on a single night. Similarly throughout December there were vacant ben's every night. And it was not fill the 5th of this month that they became full. I think these facts are somewhat significant when it is borne in mind that the Merropoli-tan Police are in the habit of directing destitute persons of all sorts to the refugue.

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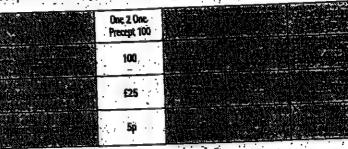
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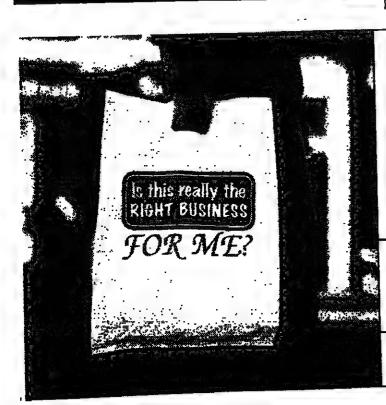
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# NatWest appoints 93 area franchise managers



Stern: growth in Europe

BY RODNEY HOBSON

NATWEST BANK has consolidated its position as the leading bank pro-viding services to franchising by ap-pointing a network of franchise manigers located around the country.

Some of the 93 new area franchise. managers will be at the National Franchise Exhibition at the G-Mex Centre, Manchester, next week. Nat-West will retain its head office staff of eight under Peter Stern, who has been head of franchising for 16 years. He said the network, intended to cover the whole of England, Scotland and Wales, had been developed in response to the continued growth of franising in the UK. Recruiting has tak-

en place over the past nine months.

Mr Stern said: The introduction of our new franchise managers is another positive step in helping new and ensuing customers to succeed in this growth area. Franchising is big business, accounting for a fifth of all UK retail sales. Not only is franchis-ing taking off in the UK — in Europe we are seeing rapid growth. That is why last year we went into partnership with four leading European

NatWest is currently compiling its annual survey in conjunction with the British Franchise Association. Results will be published in March. Last year franchising turnover was reported at 17 billion, with 568 franchise systems operating 29,100 out-lets and employing 273,800 people. Total franchise turnover in Europe

is estimated at more than £60 billion. with more than 3,800 franchises open ating 167,000 franchised outlets and employing L5 million people.

hibition on February 5 and 6, reports that 75 stands have been booked. They include Signs Express, which will begin its 1999 re-

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cruitment campaign at the event. David Corbett, managing direc-tor of Signs Express, said: "We believe there are significant opportuni-ties for signage business, especially in the North of England, where we would like to open more outlets." Also taking part will be Kall Kwik,

the print and design franchise, which achieved total numover of

"CIL the organiser of the G-Mexex-more than 570 million last year. Cll also organises annual franchise exhibitions at Wembley and in Glasgow. Miller Freeman, organiser of the franchise exhibition at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, said that 11,224 visitors attended the

> event last October. It is the first time that the attendance has been audited independently by ABC. The figure excludes organisers, NEC personnel and re-entries. Futurekids, one of the fastestgrowing franchises in the country,

will be taking a stand at Manches-

training for children, adults and teachers and already operates in 75 countries, training 100,000 children

It was founded in Los Angeles in 1983 on the premise that learning computer skills would be as important as learning to read and write. In Britain, it works in partnership with the Institute of Education, the University of London, the Joint Examining Board and, in hospital schools, the National Association for the Education of Sick Children.

# Signs point to prospect of growth

BY RODNEY HOBSON

AN EVER-GROWING list of tranchises, many in areas not eviously covered by franise systems, is on offer to

would be entrepreneurs.

A new franchise has been set up to service and manage estate agency "For Sale" sign-boards. Called Agency Express, it offers estate agency chains and independent opera-tors a cost-effective method for erecting, servicing and removing property signs.

There are about 14 million "For Sale" boards outside properties in Britain at any one time. Fewer than half of all properties on the roarket had boards outside ten years ago. Now the figure is almost 80 per cent.

Despite indications that the housing market could slow down along with the rest of the economy, Agency Express is stepping up its search for franchisees across the country. It claims that when the market is depressed and it is difficult to sell houses, a greater percentage of properties on the market have sale signs outside.

In addition, Agency Express said it has spotted lucrative new opportunities for shorterterm signs including homes for rent and commercial properties for leasing. The franchise system is an offshoot of Signs Express, which is based in Nor-

wich and now has 65 outlets. The initial cost of an Agency Ex-press tranchise is £9,950, which includes a ten-year agreement, the deposit on a van and specialist equipment.

. After the success of pilot operations last year, Wicked Wheels is ready to recruit two franchisces a month. An investment costs £25,000. Wicked Wheels is a mobile alloy wheels refurbishment service designed to make corroded and damaged wheels look like new.

Stephen Wood, of Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, spent £300,000 and two years developing mobile equipment that can shotblast, repair, repaint and relacquer alloy wheels from cars, vans and motorcycles.

Mr Wood said: "Car dealers and fleet managers can add bundreds of pounds to the vaiue of their used vehicles by bringing them back to as new. It is an easy message to sell in a market that we have already proven with out sister franchise business Paint Technik." The service is also aimed at classic car specialists. The cost is about £30 a wheel.

Prospective franchisees ought to check out any franchise system and if possible talk to existing franchisees before signing should have run a pilot project.



Class of their own: ex-teachers David and Julie Mitchell prefer handbells to school bells

# Husband and wife are crying good team

DAVID and Julie Mitchell claim to be the world's first husband-and-wife team of

town criers. Both former teachers, they find running their own busi-ness more congenial than the classroom these days.

Mr Mitchell had arranged for a town crier to waken his wife-to-be with a bellowed proclamation outside her window on their wedding day in

The crier cried off — he was double booked — so Mr Mitchell borrowed his spare bell and robes and did the job himself.

"I thought it was fun," he says. "I began to deputise as a town crier on a part-time basis in Chester and soon became a town crier in my own right in some surrounding towns."

He left teaching in 1992 and combined a new career in calligraphy - in which he produces bespoke wedding invitations, town-twinning charters, official documents, poems and certificates - with being a

Now he and Mrs Mitchell are the official town criers in Chester. From May to August, they declaim in the town five days a week. They welcome tourists in up to eight languag-es and boom forth local histories and announcements, and they have been hired to do six public proposals of marriage, all of which were accepted.

The couple have taken part in town crier competitions, winning trophies all over Brit-

Bernard Silk meets a couple

who rang the

changes to be

town criers

ain, and in Australia and Canada. So, what does the aspiring town crier need? You must have confidence and a loud voice - but not sim-

ply to shout like a sergeantmajor." says Mr Mitchell. You have to modulate your delivery and be prepared to be spontaneous. And you must have great legs to wear the The outfit does not come

cheap. It costs from about £1,500 and it is a false economy to skimp, the couple say. Fortunately, Mrs Mitchell has another skill. She makes liveries for town criers and recently received an order from a town in Victoria, Australia. The coat, which is made of pure wool and trimmed with

gold lace, may take 100 hours to complete and costs £750. A hat and bell might cost £50 apiece. Even with all their sidelines. Mr Mitchell finds time to give an alter-dinner presentation, entitled "For crying out loud", at £120 a time. The couple's annual turnover is a comparatively modest £22,500 because the em-

ployment is mainly seasonal. They charge a minimum of £40 for a turnout in the Chester area. Long-distance jobs may cost several hundred pounds, subject to negotiation, with the client paying travel costs. The couple work together and solo.

Mrs Mitchell says that you need to be a combination of an entertainer and a civic official. adding: "You can't be a wimp because you have to deal with comments and quips from the crowd, sometimes taking the mickey, in an interesting and amusing way. In the business, it's called conviviality and public friendliness. You have to take to people because they

constantly approach you."

Town criers go back into the mists of time. They told the populace about news, impending visits of royalty, and deaths of local people and gave warning of floods and epidemics. Nowadays there are about 150 town criers in the UK, most employed on an occasional basis. About 10 per cent of town criers are women, and they take part on an equal basis in competitions against their male counterparts.

"Last year's runner-up world champion was a wornan," said Mrs Mitchell, "and in 1997 the loudest decibels in a competition came from a woman criet."

David and Julie Mitchell are on 01244 311736.

# Town centres get smart to win back shoppers

A SMARTCARD has been introduced to win shoppers back to town centres, where independent businesses have complained for years about unfair competition from superstores (Rodney Hobson writes).

The card is already in use in more than 150 shops in Not-

Paul Ashley, managing di-libor of Touch, a London com-pany that has developed the card first in Nottingham at the city council's invitation, said: "Our aim is to bring customers back into high streets and fight out-of-town hypermarkets." Although the Nottingham

signatories include big businesses such as Ravel and Knickerbox, most are small independent companies. These have been more prompt in their dealings with the card

"It is easier to get a decision from the small company," said Mr Ashley. The matter does



Knickerbox has already signed up for smartcards

not have to be referred to anybody else." Card users in Nottingham receive a 2 per cent discount on purchases and savings of up to

indoor leisure centres.

10 per cent at the city council's A participating business re-ceives a free list of all cardhold-

ers from Touch but pays for research data; such as the age bracket of its customers, so that it can mailshot similar shoppers. Touch is about to issue the card in Maidstone, Kent, and is in discussions to start a scheme in Bristol. Studies of the possibility of a card are to be carried out in Manchester and Cambridge, and sights have been set on Southampton, Ports-mouth, Plymouth, Oxford, Nor-wich, Coventry, Wolverhamp-ton, and Tamworth, Stafford-

shire, and Southend, Essex.

Jones Lang Wootton, the property consultancy, is in talks with two unnamed London districts on regeneration of their centres. The consultancy has previously advised other towns and cities, includ-ing Leeds and Newcastle upon Tyne. The adviser aims for a mix of shops, restaurants and leisure establishments and recommends policies to make town centres safe, clean, accessible and pleasurable to visit.

John McSheny, a partner in the firm's shopping centre management team, said: We try to bring together the local authority, the landowners and all interested parties

So many small companies complain that recruiting is time-consuming and expensive that a free service, in which applicants take a job on a three-week trial, has been started in South London.

The service, Working Advantage, set up by the Employment Service and Solotec, the area's training and enterprise council, brings employer and applicant together without charge. However, the jobsecker works unpaid for the three-week

trial and retains all social security payments under an agreement with the Benefits Agency. If the applicant is taken on permanently. Working Advantage pays the employer £300 to cover expenses. Working Advantage may also make a contribution to the cost of any training scheme undertaken by the new employ-ee. Inquiries: 0800 800222.

Small businesses and small customers are among the slowest payers of invoices, according to the latest quarterly survey by the Institute of Credit Management. Very large businesses and central govern-ment are also culprits, the institute says. Firms in a long-term relationship tend to pay quick-ly. The survey found that cash-flow was the main reason for late payment, followed by intentional late payment.

A trade mission to the Philippines has been organised for May 3 to 7 by the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Cost of the package is £1,070. Inquiries: 0121-450 4205.

The Federation of Small Businesses marks its 25th anniversary with its annual conference at Blackpool, near to Lytham St Anne's, where the organisation was formed. Michael Wills, the new Small Firms Minister, will put in an appearance and the main business speaker is Sir Christopher Harding, president of the Prince's Youth Business Trust. The conference, on March 19 to 21, will be attended by more than 500 delegates.

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# Radar homes in on smallest employers

By BRIAN COLLETT

called by the charity Radar to encourage small businesses to employ disabled people. Many of the businesses targeted by Radar — the Royal Association for Disability and

Rehabilitation — have fewer

than 15 staff and are not covered by the legislation on em-ploying disabled people. Radar will offer specific advice for businesses and will detail the kind of "reasonable adjustments" that the legislation stipulates should be made to accommodate dis-

abled employees. "This may

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A CONFERENCE has been be as simple as giving some-body time off for physiotherapy." said Nick Goss, Radar's education, training and employment officer.

He believes that operating and monitoring a policy on disabled employees is easier in a business with a small staff. Allowing staff to work from home could also be easier to monitor.

The conference is at the Royal College of Physicians on April 19. Small business organisations as well as employers have been invited.

The report drawn up by the

# to improve town centres." Inquiries: 0171-250 3222. Hospitality jobs to soar

tal's average employment growth rate over the next two years, a report issued today says (Brian Collett writes). Yet this sector has the high-est number of employers report-ing shortages of skilled staff. CONTRACTS

EMPLOYMENT in London's Unit, highlights the difficulties hotel and catering business that small firms have in recruit-will rise at four times the caping and training staff. The unit was formed by the London Tec Council, the umbrella body for the capital's seven training and enterprise councils.

The researchers say that

manufacturing has the worst

training record in London.

Only 31 per cent of employers

gave their workforce training

in financial services, with 79 per cent giving training. The aim of the report, the first produced by the unit, is to show further and higher education establishments, Tecs and

last year. The best record was

employers the training needed to staff London businesses and to enable people to find work. It is funded by the Ters and the European Commission.

A two-page special report on Charter Mark, the scheme that is breeding a new culture in many of our public institutions

# Top marks for serving with pride

t has not been a particularly happy new year for the public services. The influenza that swept through Britain highlighted the pressure under which much of the NHS operates. The Bramley affair reawakened concerns over adoption. Meat inspectors threatened to strike. Tony Blair expressed concern about inner-city schools. There were serious revelations about the Flying Squad, All of this suggested that there are serious weaknesses in some of our most important public institutions.

But do these headline stories typify the public service as a whole? Is every hospital brought to a hait by winter flu? Are all schools in turmoil? And what do headlines mean for the less high-profile services—ilbraries, lessure centres, engineers and post offices — which nevertheless play an im-portant part in our daily lives?

The Charter Mark awards announced today - bestowed by the Government on 1,200 or-ganisations — go some way to restoring the balance. First awarded by John Major, the Charter Mark has been continued and expanded by Labour to recognise quality in the public service, encourage improvement and provide models of

good practice. But, significantly, the Charter Mark is not about money. As one winner put it "High standards don't depend on funding alone. When put to the test, we are forced to examine how we use the money we have got. More inventive management. better communications with users and clearer standards can all help to lift the calibre of delivery without



extra costs," Many of this year's recipients are receiving the award for the second time. To qualify, they have had to show that they have made significant improvements since they last entered.

In the Derbyshire Dales Locality Health Services, the past three years have seen im-proved communications with the district general hospital, better co-operation with local carer and user groups and an overhaul of nursing documentation to increase efficiency. Strengthened by these improvements, the health services also managed to cope with the winter crisis by adopting a local action plan.

nderpinning these advances has been the dedication of staff. Ian Rogerson, the locality general manager, says: "Staff have been coming in to do extra work at a time when there has been a very high level of staff sickness. We cannot expect them to do this as a matter of course, but in an emergency the staff rally round. Their dedication has been impressive."

Ms B. J. Waltho, who runs the outpatients department at the Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals NHS Trust, believes that the Charter Mark scheme is changing the ethos within the public

service and particularly with-in the NHS. "It has helped to make us much more aware of view," she says.

The tradition within the NHS has been that everything revolves around the consultants, Charter Mark is starting to put the patient at the centre of the service. Ms Waltho believes that the process of entering for the award is worth-while in its own right. The principles are very simple: very clear and we ought to be working towards them in any. case. By entering for a Chartel Mark, you gain the benefit of an objective external audit of your service and valuable feedback from the Cabinet Office. What's more, it is free. To get a similar service from an exter-nal consultant would cost thousands of pounds."

Ms Waltho has used the Charter Mark scheme as a development tool for her hospital. For example, it helped to inspire the launch of a regularnewsletter for bulpatients.
When the flu epidemic struck. the hospital used the newsletter to explain what was happening and to ask users to be patient. It helped people to cope with the crisis.

Charter Mark is gaining gradual recognition from the public as a mark of quality. Significantly, the change of heart among Labour-controlled local authorities — many of whom had initially boycotied it as a piece of Conservative sleight of hand - means that Charter Mark has become doceptable across the political divide. Its place in society now

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# Pressure breeds success

he list of this year's award winners pro-vides a reminder both of the variety of public services in Britain and of the potential for improvement.

The successful entrants represent sectors currently under intense critical scrutiny such as hospitals, schools and railways: there are those from more consumer-orientated areas such as tourist information and the provision of sports

There are even organisa-tions such as the Inland Revenue and prisons. In the case of the latter, there is undoubtedly scope for improvement, but progress is not always easy to

In Sunderland, the City Hosials NHS Trust has won its fourth Charter Mark despite staff shortages. Nurses from South Africa have been recruited to ease the problem. The day case unit now treats nearly two thirds of the hospitals' patients, enabling them to return home on the day of their

The eye infirmary and the neurophysiology department, which provides a high-quality

we provide.

John Young profiles some of the winners who have quietly made improvements in their field

mobile service, have both been

reaccredited
The Sir Winston Churchill Comprehensive School in Woking Surrey, with a student population of about 1,500, is seeking to re-establish the sixth form it lost in the Seventies. The Government's Schools Inspeciorate puts it among the top 160 schools in Britain. Michael Staples, the school's pastoral manager, points to its "tracking system" which allows pupils exam results to be fed into a computer before being used to assess whether they

are doing well. Holy Cross High School in Chorley. Lancashire, has intro-"Going for Gold" awards to stimulate achievement in lessons and in sport. and to boost attendance and extracurricular activities such as volunteer work for charities. Under the school's monitoring system, individual tutors are assigned to pupils experienc-

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Romford, Essex, has already been awarded investors in People status. Gina Gardiner, the principal, sees a Charter Mark as a natural progres-

sion, attributing the school's success to its emphasis on high standards and on teamwork involving staff, pupils, parents and the community. The Land Registry, which oversees 24 district offices from its headquarters in Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, holds the retords of more than 16 million titles, most of which are how

stored on computer. It has recently introduced a pilot scheme for a national land in formation service, and hopes to revolutionise homebuying by introducing computer conveyancing to cut out expensive searches. This is the third successive year in which the registry has been awarded a Charter Mark.

James Pearson, the deputy head of information, says reaching such heights gets harder all the time. We must demonstrate consistently improving standards," he says. "It is not enough to stand still. One of the things that impressed the assessors was our independent complaints proce-

dure.

"Although as a monopoly, which the public is forced to use, we are not subject to market forces, we are nonemeless very customer-orientated and are constantly developing and improving our services." Since privatisation, most of

the railway companies have been under fire almost as con-

vs has invested more than (30 million on its Clubman trains to provide faster, more comfortable journeys on a network once notorious for overcrowding and unreliability. It offers a 50 per cent refund to passengers delayed for more than 30 minutes. Assessors were also impressed by the staff, and by the quality and amount of information availa-

ble in timetables and leaflets. The Island Line Train Operating Company on the Isle of

Wight is the smallest of the 25 tranchised operators, respons ble for just 81/2 miles of track between Ryde and Shanklin, its rolling stock is 60 years old and the 35 staff are responsible for track maintenance as well as running the trains (all but two of the stations are un-manued. Notetheless, it car-ries 700,006; passengers /a year, 60 per central them tous ists, Remarkably, the compa-ny achieves 95 per cent puncipality. "A lot of good news goes unreported," says Alan Crack enough to apply for an await.

In South Yorkshire, the Par sistently as was their predeces in South Yorkshire, the Parson, British Rail, Happily, senger Transport Execution there are some exceptions has concentrated on replacing Since 1994, Chiltern Rail, cold, bleak waiting rooms.

> intenchanges: The Rotherism interchange near the railway station in the town centre, opened in 1996 park, information centre and a

> A similar interchange in Barnsley, opened in 1992, which incorporates the railway station, is to be expanded to encompass the adjacent bus station, formerly privately owned. A similar project is planned for

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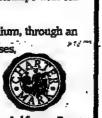
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in railways encomrather than the dayto day practicalities of getting around are likely to be famil-iar with the National Railway Museum in York.

The largest of its kind in the forld, the collection includes 3 engines and 280 items of rolling stock, while the ar-chives contain L4 million phoingraphs, 230,000 engineering drawings, 15,000 books and 7,000 posters.

Graham Stratfold, the museim's head of public affairs, says that applying for the Charter Mark helped to unite and focus staff: "We know we exist in a compentive environment, and to keep our slot as one of the most visited auractions outside London — 430,000 last year — we have to go on meeting and exceeding our visitors' expectations."

What York is to trains, Portmouth is to ships - and to the Royal Navy in particular, Re-ductions in the size of the dockyard and falling employment in ancillary industries have orced the city fathers to look o tourism as an alternative

The council has set up three tourist information centres overseen by the English and Southern Tourist Boards which handled 370,000 inquirles last year, 15 per cent of them from abroad. All the permanent and most of the temporary staff speak at least one for-

Birmingham's transformation from the grimy "workThe glory days of engineering and shipping inspire quality tourism, says John Young

shop of the world into a city and more national organisa-with serious cultural ambi-tions is reflected in the fact sold on the delights of Torbay, that it has the largest local au— We attach tremendous in-thority museums service in portaine to detail to ensure we thority museums service in Britain. At its heart is the Museum

and Art Gallery, which houses the world's leading collection of Pre-Raphaelite art, it recently presented a successful me-Jones exhibition. The Birmingham city authority. also runs the Museum of the Jewellery Quarter, which re-fiects the early years of the cen-uny and Aston Hall, one of the finest Jacobean houses in the country. The Charter Mark assessors were impressed by visitors positive

Belfast Zoological Gardens, established in 1934, have in recent years provided a haven for recreation and education in a city plagued for so long by violence and destruction. The zoo has won several prizes for animal husbandry and the design of its enclosure. Now it has added a Charter Mark award for its facilities, service

and value for money. In Torquay, the Riviera Centre has won two Charter Mark awards for its confedence bureau and its sports and leisure department. Sarah James, of the conference bureau, says that bookings extend well into. the next millennium with more

strictions are needed in some cases this cuts casualties by half

"Our investigations are carried out to the highest stand-ards, comparable to those methods employed by the CID," Inspector Haslam says. We have officers trained to provide care and support for bereaved relatives, and the letters of appreciation we get far

cover the simplest to the most difficult tasks," the says. We offer not only a free versue findoutnumber the complaints."
The Inland Revenue's much publicised attempts to present ing service, but also nounfered conference packaging Sports and lessure facilities include a swimming pool, Jacrizzi, steam room and saua more humane face to the public have been rewarded by the graning of II new Charter Marks bringing its total to 19. The winning offices, mostly in the North of England and

na, as well as a gym which is used by Torquay United Foot-ball Club members, and athin Scotland, include Shipley in West Yorkshire, where more letes who hope to qualify for the British skiing team for the than 1,000 staff have been trained to use "plain English" next Winter Olympics. and to provide a streamlined While visits to museums or telephone answering service swimming pools are generally for customers, most of whom agreeable experiences, encoun-ters with police or tax inspeclive more than 200 miles away. In Bootle, on Merseytors are something that most people prefer to avoid. But Inside, tax workshops have been organised and customers are spector, Reg Haslam, of Mer-

The Inland Revenue's South Yorkshire region, with its headquarters in Sheffield, employs some 4.200 staff in 33 offices and carries out regular complaints surveys to determine the levels of customer sat-

The Buckle tax office, on the remote Moray coast of north-east Scotland, which employs just'16 people, has organised an appointments system for its 6,400 customers. This helped it to earn its second Charter



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# Scheme wins Labour's approval

ONE of the biggest practical challenges facing this administration is how to deliver on its commitment to "joined-up Government Behind II neat catchphrase is a complex exercise in re-engineering the way public services are planned and delivered by emphasising co-operation be-

seyside Police traffic depart-

ment, insists that the work of

his team goes well beyond "nicking" the errant driver

He points to the depart-

ments goal of reducing the

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which cost so much in public

money and human suffering. Every accident is recorded on

a computerised Ordnance Sur-

vey map along with details of what caused it. This enables

the authorities to determine if

and where further traffic re-

who is caught speeding.

But for bureaucrats to co-operate often goes against the grain of territorial protectiveness. So a set of tools is now gether. Among them, Charter Mark has an important role

Mark was a worthwhile un-. dertaking. But an evaluation of the scheme produced some mpressive results. Charter Mark organisations were shown to perform considera-bly better than the norm. Staff morale was higher. And feedback from the public showed Edward Fennell on how Charter Mark's ethos of putting customers first fits the Government's strategy

that they were better consulted by Charter Mark organisations. As a result the Government decided not to scrap the award — but to expand it. Yet if Charter Mark was to

gain a new Labour character it had to support the "joined approach. Fortunately that is not difficult. Charter Mark is about putting the publie, not the providers, at the

Getting rid of rivalries and abandoning turf wars be-tween public servants is part of this process: As Peter Kilfoyle, Parliamentary Secretary in the Office of Public Service, puts it "There have been substantial improvements in public service delivery by a number of government bodies especially in the agencies. But these improvements are not always coherently connected. I want us to do much more to see the customer's point of

view. Citizens dealing with life's events - marriage, retirement, long-term care, whateyer - want a package of services tailored to their needs. They do not want to traipse round public sector agencies. We must make things easier for them through one-stop shops, tighter co-operation, collaborative electronic service provi-

sion, better signposting be-

suits best." Reflecting this approach the new Charter Mark criteria for this year include the need to work with other providers. Charter Mark also complements naturally the new Best Value programme through its emphasis on consulting users and reviewing standards of performance. The forthcoming White Paper on modernis-ing Government will empha-

sise Charter Mark's role in pro-

approach. Mr Kilfoyle quotes, for example, the work of Hack-ney council, under the Better Government for Older People programme, in running a project for integrated services, and the Lewisham Benefits Agency prototype which pro-vides central and local govern-

The emphasis within Charter Mark on partnership exthe public. Under the Conservatives the public were des-cribed as customers. Under Labour they have become users, with the implication that providers and users should collaborate closely to get the most out of the system.

As Mr Kilfoyle points out: Charter Mark emphasises cooperation between service providers and users. This can be deepened in many ways. For example, Cherwell District

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But co-operation does not disguise the fact that Charter Mark does have a hard edge. Mr Kilfoyle says there must be greater exposure to the pub-

12 schoolchildren." All three

organisations are 1998 Char-

ter Mark winners.

"Charter Mark winners must have customer service standards which are transpar-

sessed and subject to public Perhaps the final link in the

new framework of co-operation is between Charter Mark itself and the other quality awards. Mr Kilfoyle says: Charter Mark is a tried and tested scheme. There is no doubt that it enhances public service delivery. Finally, lers not forget the workers. What is good for the users of services must also be good ultimately for those who deliver them. Charter Mark winners have



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# THE TIMES TODAY

# NEWS

### Straw in adoption call

■ Jack Straw was at the centre of a storm last night after saying that more teenage mothers should give up their babies for adoption. The Home Secretary blamed "well-meaning but misguided" social workers for over-estimating the ability of many young women to cope with the financial and emotional burdens of motherhood...

### Meeting at the altar

It was billed as a "scientific experiment in love" and after an intimate ceremony attended only by close family, friends and a national television company, the guinea pigs in Britain's first "blind" wedding were declared man and wife, Carla Germaine, 23, a model, and Greg Cordell, 28, a sales manager, met for the first time and were married at lpm yesterday after winning a radio competition....

### Clinton chaos

Leading Republicans squashed a new attempt to complete President Clinton's trial this week, in a day of plots and accusations that left the impeachment process in ..... Pages 1, 15

### Kidnap case

A man accused of kidnapping and assaulting two schoolgirls said that he wished that he could turn back the clock Page I

### Gay law plea

A Tory MPmade a call for the reduction of the age of homosexual consent which he said was akin to ending slavery ...... Page 2

### Extradition request

Yemen asked Britain to extradite the extremist Muslim deric Sheikh Abu Hamza al Masri, whom it accuses of masterminding the kidnap of 16 Western tourists last month

### Race gang death

Michael Menson, the black musician who died after being found on fire in the street, was the victim of a racist gang linked to a series of such attacks \_\_\_\_ Page 5

### 'Mad cow' inquest

A single meal of beef may have been responsible for the death of the first known victim of the human brain disorder linked to "mad cow" disease, an inquest

### Road blocker

A lecturer who gave up home and career to be an anti-roads protester was blocking the last stage of a new bypass.....

### Spielberg triumph

Steven Spielberg paid tribute to D-Day veterans as Saving Private Ryan was voted best film at the Golden Globe awards Page 9

### Houses of art

Two houses overflowing with paintings have been left by a reclusive artist of 90 who refused to sell his work...

### iraq accusation

Iraq accused American and British military aircraft of firing missiles into residential areas in the port of Basta ...... Page 12

### King's heir

King Hussein of Jordan has ended days of speculation and confirmed by royal decree that his eldest son. Prince Abdullah, 36, is his heir in place of the King's 51-yearold brother, Prince Hassan, who had held the position of Crown 

### Mercenary anger

As Sierra Leone's rebels continue to murder priests and missionaries and amputate the limbs of civilians, battle-hardened mercenaries are vowing their willingness to "do the job for nothing -Page 7 just to finish the rebels".. Page 14

# Immortality with the mystical 59

It was, in its way, like six sixes in an over to win a cricket or breaking a world record to win a gold medal in the 1,500 metres in the Olympic Games. What David Duval, the American golfer, achieved was nothing less than a slice of sporting immortality. A score of 59 in golf is a mystical figure, a barrier that goes beyond the psychological



David Hockney with his A Closer Grand Canyon, 1998 announcing an exhibition at the Georges Pompidou Centre in Paris yesterday

Driving 'move: Federal-Mogul made a £3.9 billion offer for Lucas-Varity, the car parts group, in a move to put pressure on the board to discuss a takeover ...... Page 27 Peace efforts: There were frantic. peace efforts at the Mirror Group to try to avoid an outright confrontation within the board over the company's future Page 27 NTL boost The UK cable industry

was given a significant boost when Microsoft, the US software giant, took a five per cent take in NTL for £300 million ..... Page 27 Markets: The FTSE 100 index yesterday rose 19.70 points to 5880.9. The pound rose 0.33 cents to \$1.6574 and 0.27p against the euro

# Athletics: Mystery surrounds the

identity of the British athlete at the centre of a doping scandal, despite the confirmation of a positive drug Football: Stan Collymore intends to seek counselling to help him over-

fourth round FA Cup match against Fulbam\_\_\_\_Page 49 Tennis: Andre Agassi, the No 5 seed, was knocked out of the Australian Open by Vince Spadea, the world No 44 Rowing: The Boat Race is to be

come "pressures and stress" after

his absence from Aston Villa's

sponsored for the next three years by Aberdeen Asset Management. They succeed the gin manufacturers Beefeater, who backed the race to 69.75p. The sterling index rose to Page 49 .... Page 30 | for 12 years...

Man of many parts: With no lewer than five films set for release this year, why is British actor Jeremy Northam taking on a London stage role? The answer is because be \_Page 34 loves plays ..... Classic round-up. The Corydon Singers celebrate Goethe and the LPO brings raw energy to Mahler, while a Manchester audience enjoys a Poulenc party Page 34 Ladies in waiting: The French artist

Ingres found his greatest inspiration in the society women he painted, as the National Gallery's new exhibition reveals \_\_\_\_Page 35 Balls in the air. If you thought jug-

gling was not an ideal medium for the portrayal of human tragedy, Lionel About and Vincent Bruel prove otherwise.....

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Watching profits wash down the drain: whatever happened to the paperless office?

### HOMES

Newstead Abbey, Lord Byron's ancestral home is saved from ruin

Hands-off: How psoriasis led a victim to develop a fear of shaking hands.... Stress-buster: Obsessive behaviour is often just a means of reliev-

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Crying game: A couple rang the changes to be town criers. Page 23

Uncordial relations: French lawyers are not happy about the tactics of English law firms .......Page 41 People's judge: Brilliant, unpompous and a judicial activist, Lord Denning is Britain's most treasmed law lord Page 43

MBA: Which business school should you choose? . . . .

Quite fascinating, the argument being made by Senate Democrats! there is no chance of getting the two thirds vote required to convict President Clinton, so the case should be dismissed

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### Preview: Then code-breakers who saved Britain in 1941: Station X (Channel 4, 9pm) Review: Joe Joseph discovers that rising damp can be risible Pages 50, 51

## Christians in peril

Asian Christians are under assault as they have not been in living memory, why they should be singled out.....

## Samaranch must go

Under Señor Samaranch, the Olympics have lost direction, vitality and now credibility. If the movement is to be saved, he should resign forthwith \_\_\_\_\_ Page 19

### Young Einsteins

Great science is subversive, bold, and risky - the very qualities of youth. Too much of today's science is conservative and pedestrian, dominated by committees and

### LIBBY PURVES

Admiral Lord Lew in has died; and though he was pushing 80, and I had known him for barely five years, the sense of outraged loss will not fade \_\_\_\_\_Page 18

### SEAN O'CALLAGHAN We have been, and are still being led to believe, that the IRA, UVF

and UDA are observing ceasefires. This is palpable nonsense. Page 18 MICHAEL GOVE

The Lawrences deserve to see justice done. I believe, however, that the search for a scapegoat is not justice. And the Stephen Lawrence in-quiry has too much of the whill of Page 18

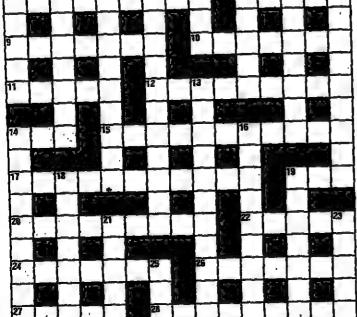
### PETER RIDDELL

Businessmen have often struggled to make a mark at the very top but they have contributed at the medium level, as Lord Simon and Lord Sainsbury now are, by providing private sector insights Page II

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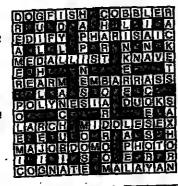
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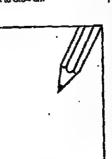
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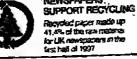
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TUESDAY JANUARY 26 1999

# Mirror directors face showdown today



LAST-MINUTE efforts were being made last night to avoid a damaging confrontion at today's board meeting of Mirror Group between Sir Victor Blank, its chairman, and

MEDIA EDITOR

David Montgomery, the chief executive.

Sir Victor had been expected to put a motion before the board seeking the removal of Mr Montgomery, who has run the newspaper group since the death of Robert Maxwell. Mr Montgomery is determined not to resign and will oppose any attempt to un-seat him. Sir Victor believes that he has the

support of most, if not all, of the comopany's non-executive directors, while Mr Montomery believes that he can rely on the votes of the executive directors.

The dispute comes in the midst of potential takeover hids for the group, which publishes The Mirror, the Sunday Mirror and The People . It also owns Midland Independ-

ent Newspapers, the regional publisher.
Regional Independent Media, publisher of the Yorkshire Post, is awaiting more information in the hope of making a formal bid. possibly in excess of its offer of £913 million,

or 200p a share, already on the table. The situation is being closely watched by

Trinity, the largest UK regional newspaper group, which withdrew from talks on an allshare deal at about 160p.

The move against Mr Montgomery is being fuelled by the fact that he is seen as a bar-rier to a deal with Trinity, something that ap-peals to Phillips & Drew, the largest Mirror shareholder, with a 22 per cent stake.

It is believed that Sir Victor and other Mirror directors were being advised last night that a formal vote that would split the board would not be in the interests of the company or its shareholders.

A Mirror takeover by RIM or Trinity

Monopolies and Mergers Commission. A full inquiry could take up to the six months.
It was unclear last night whether Sir Victor, who became chairman of Mirror Group six months ago, will seek a confrontation at today's meeting. If he does, one tactic for Mr Montgomery would be to seek a postpone-

ment with the backing of executive directors. Legal and General, a 4.4 per cent Mirror shareholder, yesterday asked to meet Sir Victor. The insurance company feels that Phil-lips & Drew seems to be driving the agenda. Mirror shares rose 9p to 207p yesterday.

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Microsoft

acquires

stake in

NTL for

£300m

By CHRIS AYRES

THE UK cable industry was

given a significant boost yester-day when Microsoft, the US software giant, acquired a 5 per cent stake in NTL for \$500

prove the image of the UK ca-

de industry, which is finally

beginning to show signs of life after years of turmoil and slow

growth. As part of the deal, Mi-

crosoft and NTL will form a

"technology group" that will

look at ways of developing ultra-fast internet services and

Shares in NTL, which is

quoted on the Nasdaq stock

market despite operating al-

most exclusively in the UK.

rose nearly 25 per cent in early

trading to a high of \$84°s. The company plans to float in Lon-don later this year. Shares in

Britain's other two big cable companies - Cable & Wire-

less Communications and Tel-

ewest — also made significant

gains, rising 4 and 10 per cent

respectively.

Barclay Knapp, president of NTL said: "Microsoft believes in our vision of bringing ad-

vanced digital Internet, tele-

phone and television services

to consumers and businesses

Under the terms of the deal,

Microsoft will buy convertible

preferred stock in NTL, which

is redeemable in cash or com-

mon stock ten years after its is-

sue date. Microsoft will also re-

ceive 1.2 million five-year war-

rants to purchase NTL shares

at \$84 per share, potentially

taking the software giant's

stake in the cable company up

to 6.3 per cent. NTL said the

software company's anti-trust battle with the US Govern-

ment would not affect the deal.

Late last year, NTL said it

throughout the UK."

interactive television.

million (£300 million). The deal will help to im-

# Banks express surprise at terms of review

BY RICHARD MILES BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BANKS gave a captious welcome yesterday to the terms of the Government's review of hanking services, but ex-pressed surprise that Donview's head, had sought to nelude cross-selling in his

investigation. Mr Cruickshank, a former telecommunications regulator and chairman of the Action 2000 millennium bug campaign, also quashed rumours that the Treasury was considering the haposi-tion of a windfall tax on

bank profits While Mr Cruickshank emphasised that his inquiry would focus on competition issues, he said there were already grounds for investigating four distinct areas: lending to small businesses, mon-cy transmission, credit cards and joint supply, which in-cludes cross-selling. "It may not appear as a ral-

lying cry to address the things consumers have said they are concerned about overcharging, poor service, and the failure to understand needs of small businesses. But alleged failings like these can only be addressed by first understanding the competitive structure of the industry," he said. Mr Cruickshank will

make international comparisions on innovation, competition and efficiency in the UK banking sector. He will also look at whether the Government should consider intervening in the industry. Bankers said they were surprised at the inclusion

within the review of joint supply - the common practice of bundling different products together such as buildings insurance with a mortgage, or a personal loan with a current account. Control of the credit card network among merchandis-ers will also come under Mr Cruickshank's scrutiny. In the US, the Department of Justice has argued that Visa and Mas-

anti-competitive.

Social exclusion and consumer redress, however, fall outside the scope of his remit. The deadline for submissions to the review is Febmary 26. He expects to make his final report by the end of the year. Commentary, page 29

terCard's domination of the

credit card network has been

# Pressure put on Lucas to discuss £4bn bid

growing American car parts group, is trying to force Lucas-Varity into takeover talks by setting out terms of a condi-tional offer worth £3.9 billion. LucasVarity, which makes braking and electronic syst-

ems, has rejected an offer of. cash and Federal-Mogul stock worth 280p a share. This is 36p more than Lucas Varity's clos-ing price yesterday of 244p — up 29kp. Federal-Mogul said it was

told in writing yesterday that Lucas Varity was "not willing to enter into discussions". The US group hopes that Schroders and other leading UK investors will put pressure on Victor Rice, Lucas Varity's chief executive, to hold talks. Dick Snell, chairman and

chief executive of Federal-Mogul, said: Having been rebuffed, we are making this announcement to allow shareholders to know about it and to do with it what they think best." Federal-Mogul's offer isconditional on it being given an opportunity to conduct due diligence checks and the recommendation of the Lucas-Varity board.

In a letter to Mr Rice and Ed Wallis, Lucas Varity's chair-man, Mr Snell said the 230p.a share offer was a 40 per cent premium to the market price before recent takeover speculation. This is a full price which would offer compelling value to your shareholders and in our judgment is worthy of their consideration." he wrote.

"We are dismayed at your re-fusal to grant us confirmatory due diligence, particularly since... our principal concern in any such investigation would be to test the reasonableness of the assumptions underlying items such as the pension fund surplus, rather than any detailed assessment of commercially sensitive areas within your company." LucasVarity's treatment of

FEDERAL-MOGUL, the fast- been of concern to its pensioners and employees.

Taking over the larger Lucas-Varity would enable Mr Snell to achieve the big hairy audacious goal" he has set for Federal-Mogul of becoming a \$10 billion company by 2002. He said a deal would create a \$13 bil-

lion industry leader.
Federal-Mogul, with interests that embrace connecting rods, engine bearings, pistons, camshafts and chassis components, has grown rapidly through a series of acquis tions, including the £1.5 billion takeover of T&N two years ago. LucasVarity's formal response was limited to a reitera-

tion of its statement earlier this month that it was in "preliminary discussions . . . with a number of companies in connection with a wide range of strategic alternatives, including joint ventures, acquisitions, dispositions, alliances and mergers or other combinations".

The company and its financial advisers, Lazard Brothers and Morgan Stanley, did not respond to calls for comment. Federal-Mogul is being advised by Merrill Lynch, the investment bank that gave Lucas-Varity a third opinion when it sought to convert itself into a US company last autumn.

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Brian Larcombe, chief executive of 3i, wants to obtain Electra at a significant discount

# 3i overtures lift Electra

BY RICHARD MILES

SHARES in Electra Investment Trust yesterday soured 119p to 6824sp on confirmation that it has had "an unsolicited approach" from 3i, its main rival in the venture capital field.

3i opened talks with Electra on a possible £1 billion-plus takeover a fortnight ago, but the two have reached deadlock on price and the value of unquoted investments in Electra's portfolio.

Brian Larcombe, 3i's chief executive, is seeking to buy Electra at a significant discount to its net asset value (NAV). Before yesterday's gains, Electra was trading at a wide dis-tount, estimated at 17 per cent. Michael Stoddart, Electra's chairman, who earned more than £1 million last year in-

duding performance bonus, is arguing for a premium to NAV. The trust's manager, Electra Fleming — a 50/50 joint venture with Robert Fleming, the investment bank — could also be an obstacle.

Investment analysts said a merger to form a venture capitalist with assets of nearly £5 billion would enhance value for both sets of shareholders. On one estimate, 3i investors would gain about 500 a share. Rolly Crawford, of ABN Amro, said the extra £1 billion of assets would also secure 3i's place in the FTSE 100 index.

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Was prepared to offer £160 million to buy Newcastle United Football Club.

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# Bankers Trust pays \$1.1bn in bonuses

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

BANKERS TRUST paid out \$1.1 billion (£667 million) in bonuses excluding salaries last year, according to documents filed with the US Federal Re-SETVE

The payouts amount to more than 10 per cent of the \$10.1 billion market value of the bank and exceed Bankers Trust's 1998 profits of \$960 million.

The bank previously said its total compensation bill for last year amounted to \$1.5 billion. Bankers Trust employs 2,400 in Britain, 1,000 of whom are in Edinburgh. The total workforce is 20,000.

The bonus bonanza has come to light in conjunction with the takeover by Deutsche Bank announced last year. Deutsche has traditionally operated a more austere pay regime than its Wall Street rivals. At the time of the takeover there was speculation that Deutsche Bank would attempt to push Bankers Trust bonus-

es down to cut costs. Frank Newman, the executive chairman who will join Deutsche's board, was forced to send out a memo saying: "Until the merger closes, Bankers Trust will continue to oper-ate independently and bonuses and promotions for 1998 will be approved in our normal process."

Mr Newman pledged to set aside \$400 million in "retention money " to keep key employees. Nevertheless, up to 5,500 jobs could be cut in an attempt to save \$1 billion per year after combining operations of the two banks in London and New York.

# Carphone Warehouse expects float



By CHRIS AYRES

CHARLES DUNSTONE, the 34-year-old founder and managing director of The Carphone Warehouse, yesterday said a flotation of the mobile phone chain was "inevitable" as he announced the purchase of 270 Tandy electrical stores from InterTAN, the US company. The deal, thought to be worth no more than £10 milWarehouse to cope with the enormous demand for pre-pay mobile phones, which has re-

sulted in some of the compamy's customers waiting one and a half hours to be served. "h got to the point in December when we could not have physically dealt with more sales, said Mr Dunstone. whose personal fortune is estimated at £25 million. "We were putting up with it, but it was far

chasing experience. This deal will ease the pressure a little bit." Mr Dunstone said he was aware he could realise a significant amount of money by floating The Carphone Warehouse during the current craze for mobile phones. However, he said that no City advisers had yet been appointed and that a flota-

tion was unlikely this year. Mr Dunstone said Tandy's management and brand would lion, will allow The Carphone from what we wanted as a purstay, but the stores would under-

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go a £20 million facelift. He said Tandy could eventually see mo-bile phones take up to 50 per cent of sales, and would widen its product range to sell phones from all networks. The combined group will

have 450 stores across the UK and 139 on the Continent. The acquisition of Tandy will boost The Carphone Warehouse's estimated sales for the year to March 1999 from E250 million



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# Venture capitalists start to feel the pinch

31'S proposed £1 billion-plus takeover of Electra Investment Trust, its main rival in the UK's £40 billion venture capital market, comes as the demand for private equity shows the first signs

Although the British Venture Capital Association, the main industry body, will not publish 1998 figures until April, the consensus among market analysts is that the volume of larger deals has declined in the past six months.

Mike Wright, of the Centre for Management Buy-Out Research at the University of Nottingham, said last sum-mer's crisis of confidence in world markets, coupled with the continued financial unrest in Latin America, has blunted investors' apperite for risk. Moreo-

Chinese

hint hits

markets

By Alasdair Murray, economics correspondent

Government.

per cent, to close at 9,499.50.

Sentiment was also harmed

by figures that showed Novem-

ber retail sales in the special

administrative region falling

20 per cent from a year earlier.

index, which is open to foreign

investors, slipped 3.1 per cent

to end at a record low. The Chi-

nese market has also been un-

der pressure since the collapse

of Guandong International

Trust and investment Corpora-

tially convertible currency.

in Shanghai, the "B" share

China suffered big losses yes-terday after the Chinese Gov-ernment hinted that it may be

the next major emerging econo-

for a holiday, a fresh bout of

market nerves was prompted

by an article in the Chinese press arguing that devaluation

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for Asian economies. The arti-

cle in the influential Chinese

Business Weekly argued that

the experience of Brazil sug-

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Marianne Curphey).
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Projection rates were last changed in Novem-ber 1993 and their use in

the sales process is strict-

With Brazilian markets shut

my to devalue its currency.

3i's offer for Electra is timely, says Richard Miles

ver, the huge weight of money in the market has pushed up the price of entry and inevitably led to a reduction in returns. So poor are the prospects say some analysts, that many institutions have indicated that they would like to withdraw from the market.

"There are a lot of funds in the market and few good, big deals. The second half of the year was bad for the mega-deals, say £100 million or above. But for the smaller deals, it's not too bad," Mr Wright said. If his analysis is correct, then the market circumstances lend weight to 3i's talks with Electra. 3i thrives on smaller private equity deals: its £2 billion plus portfolio consists of 3,200 distinct investments. Electra. by comparison, says it has

just 80 significant investments in unquoted companies. Electra Fleming the 50:50 joint venture with Robert Fleming, the investment bank, that manages Electra - prefers to target larger deals. For example, it supported the Tote in its unsuccessful £375 mil-

lion bid for Coral, the bookmaker. 3i's main strength, however, is that its shares trade at a substantial premium to net asset value - estimated at 17 per cent by some experts - while Elec-tra traded at a similarly wide discount, at least before yesterday's remarkable share gains after confirm-

ing 3i's "unsolicited" approach.
Rolly Crawford, ABN Amro's head of investment trusts, said 3i's significant premium would make a deal assetenhancing for both sets of shareholders. He estimates that 3i shareholders would benefit by about 50p a share, while Electra investors would gain from the elimination of the discount.

Much has been made of how the proposed takeover would strengthen 3i's international operations — Electra has reinforced its continental network over the past few years - but in Mr

Crawford's view, that is no more than a minor consideration in the thinking of Brian Larcombe, chief executive.

Far more important is 3i's determination to remain in the FTSE 100 index and the benefits that such a position brings. A further El billion of assets would make the company safe from newcomers, and so help to preserve the premium on which it trades.

Of course, the deal may never get off the ground. Besides arguing about Elec-tra's net asset value of Electra, Michael Stoddart, its chairman, is believed to be holding out for a premium on its underlying investments - even though it trades at such a wide discount.

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# Pearson's unwanted **American** activities put under hammer

BY RAYMOND SNODDY

PEARSON, the media and information group, yesterday put up for sale a collection of American information businesses it does not want which have annual revenues of about \$250 million (£150 million).

The businesses, which include Jossey-Bass, specialists in management publishing. Appleton & Lange, which publishes medical texts and The Bureau of Business Practice, were all part of Pearson's \$4.6 billion acquisition last November of the Simon & Schuster education, reference and business and professional operations.

The seven businesses now being sold were to have formed part of a proposed sale of some of the Simon & Schuster activities to Hicks, Muse Tate & Furst, the US private equity firm, for \$860 million. Hicks, Muse decided

against going ahead with the purchase and Pearson bought the whole lot.

The UK company, whose chief executive is Marjorie Scardino, has decided to keep a were to have formed part of the Hicks, Muse purchase - in par-

Publishing which will now form part of Pearson Education. Pearson is also keeping the New York Institute of Finance which will become part of Pearson's newly created Management Education business:

The seven businesses. which are being sold piece-meal and could fetch between \$300 million and \$350 million, include Macmillian General Reference, which publishes a full range of reference ti-ties, and Macmillan Library Reference, which sells premi-um-priced quality reference materials to libraries and higher education institutions.

# UK facility to help Indonesian firms

A BRITISH rescue measure that is aimed at helping Indonesian businesses to survive the regional economic turmoil has finally been announced — months after other countries stepped in to provide assistance. The UK Government said yesterday that it will provide a multimillionpound facility to encourage sales to Indonesian companies, overcoming the fear that the Indonesians may not be able to pay their bills.

Through its Export Credits Guarantee Department

(ECGD), the Government will provide reinsurance that will allow private sector credit insurers to resume the fiwill allow private sector credit insurers to resume the financing of British exports to Indonesia. The private sector had effectively placed the country on a short-term credit blacklist. Brian Wilson, Minister for Trade, said: "Indonesia has traditionally been one of Britain's major trading partners. Although the country is experiencing some serious economic difficulties at present, we remain hopeful that it will pull through before too long."

However, the United States, Australia and Japan put similar safeguards in place months ago, the ECGD spokesman admitted. The ECGD said that the UK deal had been held up partly by the Indonesian Government's reluctance to act as a guarantor for its firms. Short-term credit insurance used to be managed by the UK Government itself before a privatisation in 1991: The World Bank gave warning yesterday that political unrest in Indonesia was

warning yesterday that political unrest in Indonesia was slowing down the pace of vital financial and corporate reform.

# Freeserve restructure

DIXONS, the electricals retail group, is setting up a subsidiary company to manage Freeserve, its fast-growing Internet access business. John Clare, chief executive of Dixons, will chair Freeserve Ltd, of which Mark Danby will be chief executive. Dixons' announcement earlier this month that it had attracted 900,000 users since its launch in September has led to a sharp rise in its share price. Another separate company, Dixons Group Retail Property Ltd., is being set up to manage the property portfolio, while the retail part of the group is to be divided into three divisions.

# Hill Hire seeks £1.8m

HILL HIRE, the truck and trailer rental firm based in Brad-HILL HIRE, the truck and trailer rental firm based in Bradford, yesterday announced the placing of almost 15 million new shares to raise approximately £1.8 million. These proceeds will be used to reduce the group's gearing, which stood at 480 per cent at the end of last year. After the placing, it will be reduced to approximately 160 per cent, which the company said was "a level which is within industry norms and which provides scope for future development". The company also said it expects to declare a final dividend of 3.2p per share in May.

# **P&O** orders ferries

P&O, the transport group, has ordered the world's two largest and fastest cruise ferries from Fincantieri, the Italian yard, at a cost of £180 million. The cruise ferries, which will operate on the route between Rotterdam and Hull, will have a maximum speed of 22 knots, reducing the journey time by two-and-a-half hours. They will replace four vessels now operating that route, which will be deployed elsewhere. The ferries will be able to carry 1,360 passengers, have room for 250 cars and house a cinema and business centre.

# Thomson buys chain

presence by buying the Callers-Pegasus retail chain for £17 million. The deal, to be earnings enhancing this year, brings TTG a business with 34 travel shops in northeast England, a flight centre in Newcastle and a small tour operator. Focus Holidays. In the year to October 31, it sold almost 200,000 airinclusive tours, reporting profits before tax and exceptionals of ELI million. TTG said its aquisition is to be run on a standalone basis alongside its 800-strong Lunn Poly chain.

### Trafficmaster link

TRAFFICMASTER, the traffic information supplier, has formed a £1 million joint venture with the Royal Automobile Club to develop a range of network services for motorists, including navigation assistance, public transport details and access to breakdown services. Trafficmaster and the RAC will inject E500,000 each into the venture, called RAC Trafficmas. ter Telematics. Bill McIntosh, finance director of Trafficmaster, said the deal was expected to be earnings neutral for his

# Wintrust earnings rise

WINTRUST, the merchant banking group, has reported a 10.5 per cent rise in net earnings to £1.47 million for the six months to September 30. Richard Szpiro, chairman; said yesterday that Wintrust had benefited from the bigger institu-tions waning interest in debt packages of less than £10 mil-lion, opening the door to smaller lenders. He said this had been crucial in insulating Wintrust against the downturn in many sectors. Earnings per share rose to 14.59p (13.28p). There is an interim dividend of 5.35p (4.94p).

# HR Owen's £2m buy

HR OWEN, the car dealer, has bought Bradshaw Webb, a Mercedes-Benz dealership, for £2.2 million in shares and cash. Bradshaw Webb, a franchised dealership based in Chelsea and Wandsworth, will add to Owen's three Mercedes-Benz businesses, which trade as Malaya. In 1997, Bradshaw Webb had consolidated losses of £105,966, and net assets of £122,781. It is 75 percent owned by Colin Giltrap, Owen's nonexecutive deputy chairman, who receives £1.1 million of new shares, lifting his Owen stake from 4.2 per cent to 8.5 per cent.

# Glenmorangie deal

GLENMORANGIE, the Scotch whisky producer, has joined forces with LVMH, the French houry goods and drinks group, to develop its business in China. LVMH has paid \$1.2 million (£725,000) in return for a 39 per cent stake in Glenmorangie's existing joint venture, set up in 1992 to distribute its Glemorangie and Highland Queen brands as well Jin Man Ying, a locally produced white spirit. As a result, the Scottish group's stake is reduced from 60 per cent to 39 per cent and its Chinese partner emerges with 22 per cent.



Marjorie Scardino, with Madame Tussand's waxwork of Shakespeare, is selling businesses couple of the businesses that

# Pep sales stay strong

By Susan Emmett

PRIVATE investors shrugged off market turmoil and continued to plough their cash into unit trusts and personal equity plans in 1998, according to a

tion earlier this month. Most analysts, however, said that China is under no immediate pressure to follow Brazil's example. Although export growth is faltering. China still runs a healthy trade surplus and has massive foreign reserves to protect its only parper cent to £183 billion by the

survey published yesterday. Figures from the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds (Autif) showed that the amount of money invested in Peps and unit trusts rose by lo

end of last year. Nearly two

million private investors saved £1.6 billion in 1998.

Peps, which will be replaced by individual savings accounts in April, accounted for more than 25 per cent of funds under management. Total Pep sales in 1998 reached a record £11 billion, up 18 per cent on the previous year.

Net retail sales of unit trusts

in December were up 35 per cent on the previous year to

£596 million. Net retail Pep sales reached £368 million, a 30 per cent increase on 1997. However, Philip Warland, director-general of Autif, questioned whether Isas would have the same appeal. Mr Warland said: "Isas will be more complicated and people will have to be persuaded that they are like Peps. But I will be disappointed if the gross level of sales are not similar to this year."

# Ford extends four-day week

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

FORD will today deliver a fresh blow to workers at its Dagenham plant, with a lengthy extension of its short-time working and a three-week clo-

Ford's Dagenham plant, which employs 4,400, has al-ready completed the longest period of short-time working in recent industrial history. It has been working a four-day week since October. It will now continue until the end of March, a period that will then run into complete closure over Easter.

Ford will blame poor exports for the short-time working. Dagenham is its biggest UK factory, producing the Fiesta and relying heavily on the export marker. Workers will be given either training or other duties during the short-time periods and will not suffer pay cuts.

But unions are concerned about continued uncertainty at said: "We need a long-term solution to this problem, not the piecemeal approach we have had up until now. Further short-time working will only increase insecurity and concern among the workforce. Four thousand and four hundred jobs depend on a decision to meet the problems in the

long term." Tony Woodley, chief negotia-tor for the T&G. said: There is very intense competition in the marketplace, especially for cars such as the Fiesta. However, while our members may be prepared to live with these cutbacks in the short term, we have to look to the long term."

Ford declined to comment. Today unions will press Rover not to close its only automotive components factory in South Wales. Rover said last week that the luture of the Bargoed plant was uncertain. Forty-five jobs the plant. Doug Collins, na-tional officer at the AEEU. are filled by disabled workers. could go - nearly half of which

# Banana row threat to jobs

BY CARL MORTISHED

THOUSANDS of jobs in Scottish Borders woollen mills were hanging in the balance last night as diplomats wrangled in Geneva over the agenda at a World Trade Organisation meeting on the long-runwing banana dispute. In a surprise move St Lucia,

the Dominican Republic and Cote d'Ivoire blocked the US request for \$520 million (£315 million) of punitive tariffs against European exports. The US is claiming damages over the EU banana regime, which it claims applies illegal quotas in favour of Caribbean and African bananas. The three states to block the US request are members of the African Caribbean Pacific group of states favoured by the EU banana regime.

Failure to agree an agenda means that the meeting will reconvene this morning. But the US was last night still opposing a compromise put forward by Renato Ruggiero, the WTO Director-General Trade experts say failure to secure US agreement to the compromise could mean unilateral US sanctions

from as early as February 3. The sanctions requested by the US will hit an indiscriminate range of exports including Scottish cashmere knitwear, pecorino cheese, chandeliers and electric kettles.



Banana growers blocked US

# Ericsson cuts 11% of staff

By Carl Mortished, international business editor

ERICSSON is cutting its workforce by 11 per cent worldwide in a bid to increase efficiency and restore its flagging profita-

The Swedish telecoms manufacturer is cutting its 104,000 strong workforce by 11,000 and hopes to save SKr3 billion per year after completion of the two-year redundancy programme. The company refused to say how many of its 3,500 workers in the UK were threatened by redundancy. Ericsson has a headquarters in Burgess Hill, West Sussex, and owns a manufacturing fa-

cility in Lincolnshire. A profits warning in December highlighted the company's problem, both in public net-works where it suffers from reduced demand for fixed telephony products and increased competition for business from state utilities. Furthermore, Ericsson's mobile phone busi-ness has suffered from the

surge in demand for cheap, pre-paid models. A spokesman admitted yes-terday that the jobs toll could get larger as Ericsson switched

to buying in standardised equipment and technology. There will certainly be further outsourcing." Ericsson said the job losses related to technological change, requiring the comtensive production methods and a smaller workforce. "Ericsson is facing a comprehensive technological shift. For example, all of Europe's large tele-com networks are digitised today, and the next wave of investments will focus on Inter-

net-based network structures." The company said that 3,300 jobs would be lost in Sweden with the closure of production at a plant in Nortkoping. The bulk of the 11,000 jobs to go worldwide will be in the network operators business, the core business serving large utilities.

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# Gremlin in takeover talks

TAKEOVER sever gripped the British computer games sector vesterday as Gremlin, produc-

Sears

The article on the takeover of Sears by JIL (Business News. January 22) did not take proper account of a 10 for I share consolidation and, as a result, gave incorrect valuations for outstanding share options. Sears has asked us to point out the options will not generate any profits.

er of niles such as Men in Black, revealed that it was in bid talks with "a number of interested parties", thought to include Electronic Arts of the US

(Chris Ayres writes). Shares of Gremlin, which recently disappointed the market with a profits warning rose 26p to 1000, leaving the compa-ny valued at £19 million. -Industry sources said other potential bidders for Gremlin

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the shenanigans at Mirror
Group would make the lic company have been slugging it out through the columns of the

press in a manner generally only employed by Government ministers and their anonymous spokes-Surely the time has come for the soothing voice of a spin doctor to persuade both parties that this undignified behaviour is do-ing nothing for the image of ei-ther of them. While there may be some supporters of each who are enjoying the spectacle, and even

encouraging it, the majority of the electorate, in this case the

shareholders, must be concerned about the implications for the country, or at least, their company and their investment in it. Sir Victor Blank strode into Mirror Group last year and was, apparently, far from impressed by what he found as he turned the pages. He rightly stamped his foot on plans for an expensive launch of Sporting Life which was to have proceeded without adequate research into the mar-ketplace. Relations with his chief executive have, perhans not surprisingly, failed to prosper ever

David Montgomery may not be the ideal chief executive to take Mirror forward but, to outside speciators, now may not be the ideal moment to dispense

# I Group would make the most hardened of tableid journalists squirm. The chairman and chief executive of a public company base been dependent.

with his services. Whether Mirror eventually lands with Trinity or Regional Independent Media or any other suitor, the likeli-hood is that it will first have to undergo the months of uncertainty necessitated by a Monopolies Commission inquiry. Someone will have to run the business dur-ing that time. John Allwood, the former finance director now running Mirror's regional titles, might be perfectly able to slip into the role, but that would leave his chair to fill. An MMC inquiry is not the easiest environ-

ent and it also makes enormous demands on the team that is in situ. Mirror may benefit from maintaining the status quo a fittie longer. That, of course, would not be easy, given the depths to which relations appear to have sunk. But while the calls for Monty's head have been loud they have

ment in which to recruit top tal-

not been imanimous. Some shareholders may be bemused by the way in which Trinity as-sumed most favoured bidder status despite an offer which appeared to value Mirror at rather less than the Candover-backed

cash from RIM. With the executive directors



**COMMENTARY** by our City Editor

now caught in the cross-fire, the atmosphere at Mirror's Canary Wharf headquarters may now have been soured too much for any compromise to be possible. But if Sir Victor and Mr Montgomery were able to shake hands and declare a cease fire, at least temporarily, it could be to the benefit of shareholders and

Then the bidders could be left to get on with the fighting.

Bank on Don to take a gap year

onald Cruickshank has the awesome responsibility of making sure that the dawning of the new millennium does not wreak havoc across the nation. That is hardly enough to keep a former telecoms regulator fully occupied: Mr Cruick-shank only needs two days a week to beat the bug. Now he has found

couple of days each week: he is going to sort out Britain's banks. Banks tend to feature high on the hit list of most governments, being a favourite subject for consumer gripes. If the time is not right to hit them with a windfall tax, then a tough-sounding in-quiry is not a had alternative. Mr Cruickshank has at least

found some new avenues of investigation to pursue alongside the inevitable inquest into whether or not the banks are failing in their duty to provide finance for small firms. The 'equity gap' is the abominable snowman of the financial world, an elusive beast which some otherwise sane indi-viduals will insist exists despite all evidence to the contrary. Mr Cruickshank's quest for the mythical gap is going to take him to Germany, France and the United States to see whether it is still in existence in those countries. But before he concludes that it is thriving in London, he should

than mere anecdotal evidence. We all know that James Dyson encountered the gap, or some thing very similar to it, when he tried to launch his vacuum cleaner but where are the other victims? Multimillionaire Mr Dyson does not seem too badly

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scarred by the experience.
Indeed, since he succeeded in
maintaining ownership of his
business rather than handing over large chunks of equity in return for funding, he could be said to have benefited from his original difficulties in raising funding for his project.

Mr Cruickshank is more likely to dig up ammunition against the banks when he wanders away from the equity gap to look at the issues surrounding credit card handling and the payments demanded of retailers for this service. The larger organisations such as supermar-kets can look after themselves when it comes to agreeing terms with the operating networks but

smaller businesses have long resented the charges.

Mr Cruickshank is also suspicious of the way banks aim to bundle their products together. They like to dress it up as offering additional services to customers but it does not always feel

### Nothing ventured, nothing gained

he provision of equity capital is the raison dietre of 3i, and it has a good record of spotting winners. However much research goes into deciding to back one of the hundreds of companies that trek to 3i's Waterloo offices every year, there is also an element of luck and of good timing in the venture capital industry. Clearly, in its approach to Elec-

Clearly, in its approach to Electra, 3i was hoping it had both on its side. The idea of the bid is rooted more in opportunism than enormous synergies. Electra is responding accordingly, making clear that its response will not be based on principle but on price. If Brian Larcombe thinks that he can pick up Electra at a wide discount to net assets, then he is being something of an optimistic. If

Michael Stoddart thinks that a venture capital business can command a chunky premium to as-sets in this sort of climate, then

he is sharing the pink spectacles. Electra is operating in an increasingly competitive market. Its reluctance to join the dizzy rush to chase up prices for big deals has left it looking somewhat laid-back of late. Far better that than to be suffering the after effects now being experienced by CinVen as it realises that rivals were right to marvel at the price it was prepared to pay for maga-zine publisher IPC.

Bringing Electra on board would bolster 3i and give it the weight to ensure its continuing presence in the FTSE 100. But its assets may also appeal to other wealthy venture capitalists in search of a deal.

### Bleak House

AFTER the extraordinarily rapid demise of Sears, the hunt is on for the next retail takeover target. Anyone expecting it to be House of Fraser is heading for disappointment. There are better bar-gains to be found in the stores than in HoF shares. Despite the recent, relatively bullish, trading statement from the company, Fraser does not offer the neat break-up potential that Philip Green will quickly extract at Sears. The Fayed brothers knew what they were doing when they sold HoF and kept Harrods.

# Renamed Lonrho to pursue Elbn merger

LONRHO, which is to change its name to Lonmin after shedding all but its mining businesses in the last year, is to pur-platinum group, if European regulators allow it.

The European Court has been considering an appeal by

Chrysalis

pays £5.4m

for Global

By Chris Ayres

THE music publisher owning the rights to such hits as The

Jacksons' Don't Blame It On

the Boogie, has been bought

by Chrysalis, the media group headed by Chris Wright. Global Music Group, a Ger-

man company set up more

than 30 years ago by Peter

Kirsten, owns 15,000 local and

international copyrights. It also has sub-publishing agree-ments for music by artists in-

cluding Elvis Presley.

Chrysalis will pay £5.4 million for Global, of which £2.7

million will be covered by issu-

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Implats against a ruling two years ago which effectively stopped Implats' parent company at the time, Anglo American, from taking a 30 per cent stake in Lourho. Anglo's voting rights were restricted and it eventually sold the stake back to Lonrho at a loss last year. Implats retains a 27 per cent

stake in Lonrho Platinum, the largest and most profitable part

of Lonrho after the restructure. Sir John Craven, Lonrho's we will then go into discussions with implats," said Sir John. The cleaning up of the rela-tionship with implats is the chairman, said yesterday that Loprho either wants to pursue a merger with implats, so creating the world's second-largest platinum miner, or else buy out the minority stake in Lon-

> for the past two years. Last year Lourho sold its hotels operations, demerged its African trading side and expanded Duiker, the coalminer in which it has a 70 per cent stake, through a merger with its rival. Tavistock.

rho Platinum, a deal that could

cost Lourho up to £100 million.

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largest outstanding issue in the process of reshaping Lon-

rho which has been going on

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Sir John also ruled out selling the company's 33 per cent in Ashanti, the Ghanaian gold mining business, saying it sight into the gold business.

The strength of platinum caused by demand for its use in catalytic convertors and worries about suppliers from Rus-sla -- boosted Lonrho's results in the year to September 30.

Profits from continuing operations rose from £49 million to £81 million. Pre-tax profits fell from £196 million to £84 million, but these figures were distorted by a combination of profits from the sale of businesses and the £60 million write-off of the group's investment in Hondo, a gas exploration venture.

Earnings per share, before exceptionals, rose from 24.4p to 41 sp and a final dividend of 10p makes a total of 17.2p.

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# Monsoon's shares hit by fall in profit

By Sarah Cunningham

MONSOON, the clothing retailer that floated last year, reported a sharp drop in interim profits yesterday, causing its shares to slide to a new low.

Pre-tax profits in its half year to November 28 fell from £14.97 million to £11.82 million. Like for like sales in the half were down 6 per cent, and in the following seven weeks they fell 9 per cent.

Monsoon shares closed down 9p at 46%p. The compaby was floated at 198p a share last February, when Peter Simon, its founder, sold 25 per

cent of the company.

After fully diluted earnings per share of 4.4p (5.65p pro formal, the company will pay a 1.5p maiden interim dividend. Andrew May, finance director, said that despite the "frus-trating" share price, there was

pany private again.

# Field the target of second US packaging group

BY MATTHEW BARBOUR

FIELD GROUP, the specialist packaging company, has become the object of a tug-of-war between two rival US bidders after Shorewood Packaging said it was considering mount-ing a challenge to last week's £194 million takeover offer from Chesapeake.

Following yesterday's an-nouncement, shares in Field, which rose 23p to 3161/2p on Thursday after Chesapeake announced its 320p bid, rose a further 21p to close at 3374p.

Directors of Field, who sent an offer document to share-holders on Friday recommending Chesapeake's offer, yesterday advised shareholders to take no action until details of a new counter-bid had been

Shorewood, which is listed first-half profits and a warnon the New York Stock Ex-

change, specialises in producing packaging for the computer software, cosmetics and toiletries, food and home entertainment markets in North America and China. It is thought to have been attracted to Field's strength in the European pharmaceutical packaging market. Field also has strong market positions in drinks and tobacco packaging,

have been hit by exposure to the economic turmoil in the Far East Field has 16 factories in the UK, including sites in Not-tingham, Portsmouth, East Kilbride, Newcastle and Thatcham. Shares of Field have fallen over the past 12 months

ing on trading.

although these businesses

INTERNET-RELATED deals last year totalled \$145 billion (£88 billion), or 30 per cent of all technology merger and acquisition activity worldwide (Raymond Snoddy writes).
The value rose almost ten-

Internet

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fold, from \$16.1 billion in 1997, according to the annual M&A report of Broadview International, the merchant bank specialising in information technology and media. Most deals — 595 in 1998, against 539 in 1997 — were in

North America, but the European total rose from 87 deals in 1997 to 137 last year.

Values of mergers involving Internet components that bridged the gap be-tween telecommunications and software and hardware went through the roof.

Victor Basta, of Broadview, said: "1998 was the consumer phenomenon."

Sir John Craven ruled out selling the company's stake in Ashanti, the Ghanaian business

# Shortage of engineers

By PAUL DURMAN

Bid approach

boosts LIG

Group, the manufacturer of Durex condoms, has received an unsolicited approach that may lead to a £650 million takeover.

Shares in LIG, which were strong on Friday, jumped a further 35p to 163½p, a price that values the company at almost £570 million. Ansell Healthcare and Carter-Wallace, the leading

American condom-makers, were regarded as the most likely bidders. LIG said that talks with the potential bidder were at a very

ing 413,699 shares. early stage.
A spokesman for the compa-Global will change its name to Global Chrysalis Music. ny said: "it's very prelimi-Mr Kirsten will sign a twonary. We are not asking to be year contract to become man-

we're on course to go back to double-digit growth next year. Why sell the company at this

> Shares in LIG reached 23lp last July but by last week they had halved in value. This followed the company's December profits warning necessitated by production problems at a medical gloves factory in Alabama and the impact of cheap Asian imports.

Under Nick Hodges, the chief executive, LIG has recovered from its problems in the early 1990s to concentrate on condoms and the premium end of the medical gloves market. It recently launched Durex in the US in an effort to cre-

# at Filtronic

FILTRONIC, the telecoms electronics company, berated the lack of suitably qualified technicians yesterday (writes Robert Cole).

Professor David Rhodes, chairman, said the company was suffering from a shortage of electronic engineers up to PhD level.

Filtronic supplies electronic gadgetry to the makers of mo-bile phone handsets and base transmission stations.

Pre-tax profits for the half year to November 30 were 14 per cent ahead at £5.8 million but before interest payments the operating profit was £8.9 million against £5.4 million. Earnings per share fell back to 7.1p from 7.3p, because the company issued shares to help pay for an acquisition.

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BY MATTHEW BARBOUR

HAYNES PUBLISHING, the motor repair manuals producer, has warned shareholders that profits over the coming. year will be reduced because of the financial burden of increasing its share of the US market.

The group, whose manuals account for aimost all car repair book sales in Britain, said it has now increased its share of the American market from 60 to 80 per cent. The announcement came as it posted re-duced first-half pre-tax profits of £2.4 million (£2.5 million) on turnover down at E13.2 million (E13.4 million).

John Haynes, chairman, said: "Sometimes you have to take a knock on the nose to help yourself in the long term and that is what we have done. We're a tough company and I hope our shareholders understand that we're investing in our future."

Over the course of the past six months, Haynes has replaced its most significant US competitor in two retail chains, comprising more than 1,100 stores.

In the six months to November 30, profits in North America, which fell by 17 per cent, were adversely affected when one

large customer ceased trading and a

strike hit its paper supplies.

However, pre-tax profits in the UK and Europe exceeded market expectations, rising 43 per cent despite a shortfall in sales in the second quarter. Mr Haynes said the group had benefited from improved margins and production efficiencies gained from printing more of the manuals in-house. Mr Haynes said the group planned to

continue expanding its European and South American operations over the coming year. Earnings per share were down to 9.3p (9.8p), while the interim dividend has

been maintained at 5.8p. Shares in Haynes fell 71/2p to 1771/2p.



FRASER NELSON

# Takeovers make traders forget Chinese turmoil

LONDON shares rebounded from heavy early losses as a fresh wave of takeovers helped the City to forget its fears of a fi-nancial crisis in China.

In the first half hour of trading, the FTSE 100 index fell almost 120 points on word that China would devalue the yuan and trigger a meltdown in Asian currencies.

But after LucasVarity, Electra IT and London International Group confirmed bid approaches, the bulls returned to help the index close up 19.7

Lucas Varity's secret was out early on. Its shares closed up 294p to 244p - but trading had closed before it admitted a 280p-a-share approach.

Electra IT is still discussing its price, but its shares added 119p to 682%p — capitalising the company at £1.18 billion.

London International, which was firmly denying widespread rumours of a takeover approach on Friday, changed its tune in the afternoon and trumpeted an "unsolicited proposal". Some dealers expect a bid at 160p a share: its shares added 35p to 1631/2p.

So who could be next? Speculation surrounded Allied Irish Banks, 25p better at £12.30. Talk centres around Deutsche Bank with a £14.50 a share bid, and some are convinced that the bid will come through by the end of this week.

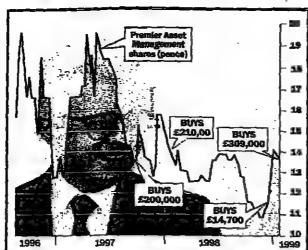
There was plenty of interest in the hotel sector following our report on Saturday that Ladbroke, \*p off at 215\*p. has been talking to Stakis, 11/2p harder at 106%p. There are also suggestions that it is keeping an eye on Vaux, 11p better at 244%p.

Shares of Thistle were off op at 106%p ahead of today's trading statement, which is expected to disappoint.

Recent whispers of a big acquisition by Granada, 51p better at £10.14, were dampened as it emerged that the media and hospitality group has just cancelled credit lines of almost E400 million.

A City source said: "You can guarantee it would not be can-celling them if it had a big deal up its sleeve."

House of Fraser was up another 8p to 92p. Shami Ahmed, the man behind Joe Bloggs, is reported to be making a bid for the company, but his fans were yesterday bailing out. They believe he is baulking at the share price.



Lord Stevens of Ludgate, chairman of United News & Media,

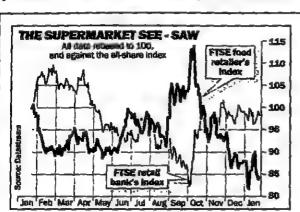
now 80 per cent above last

Rage Software shares leapt 20 per cent to 14kp after confirming that it is in talks with Microsoft about licensing Rund Gullit's Striker, its latest game. Its shares were among the most heavily traded, with 28.6 million changing hands against an average daily volume of 2.1 million. Deal-

ers point out that at yesterday's price, the shares are still 10½p - or 42 per cent - off the high achieved in 1995. Some see Rage as a prime takeover candidate.

Its rise was made easier by rival Gremlin Group, which said it had received a takeover approach. This helped its

shares 26p to 100p. This put the market in a



AFTER a sharp fall in the Hang Seng index, London's banking sector was sure to take a beating yesterday.

for further into retreat and

bid targets, telecoms companies (rebounding from Friday's mini-crash) and, of course, the supermarkets.

Whenever investors bale out of the financial sector. they rush straight for the

has built up a 125 per cent stake in Premier Asset Management



News of the UK Government's investigation into retail banking pushed the seesix of the worst ten FTSE 100 fallers were banks. The risers were a mix of

such as food producers and UK-based leisure and trans-

port stocks. In the past 12 months, the see-saw relationship between the banking and food retailing sectors has worked more harmoniously than ever — with the two moving in almost perfect symetry.

that the supermarkets have swung too far down, and may recover considerable ground before their reportng season starts.

mood to have a flutter on other computer companies - so cue another 31 per cent rise in On-Line. The computer games company is now at 127/ip far from its 12Mp level earlier this month.

One dealer said: "On-line is so small that an early deal of 2,000 shares is enough to move the price. When it's moving up, everyone piles in."

Premier Asset Manage-ment, an Ell million AIM-listed stockbroker, has been attracting attention recently mainly because Lord Stevens of Ludgate, chairman of United News & Media, has been ploughing a substantial chunk of his personal fortune into the

The company has £320 million under management, and hopes to increase this to El billion within three years. Lord Stevens is its non-executive chairman and must fancy its

Earl Cairns, chairman of Allied Zurich, has also spent E93,300 of his own cash in shares of the newly listed insurer at 933p apiece. They added 9p to 913p yesterday.

Lady in Leisure looked in distress yesterday, falling another 27%p to 95p.
It transpired that Scott

Campbell, its co-founder and until last Friday its managing director, has sold his remaining £625,000 stake at 100p a

His friends and former colleagues did their best to mop them back up, but only took £445,000 at the same price.

But the dealers were still suspicious that Mr Campbell should will at 100p when the shares were 180p a few weeks

Arena Leisure has been a peculiar little mover of late. Two weeks ago, its shares were lip apiece. They have been bounding up ever since, another 25-p firmer to 16%p yesterday - a move dealers are unable to explain.

☐ GILT-EDGED: Comments by Eddie George that rates would rise if consumer confi-dence recovers sent a chill through the futures pit. Treas-ury 10 per cent 2001 slid 0.16 to 110.19 and Treasury 6 per cent 2028 fell back 0.79 to 130.03. NEW YORK: US blue chips fell, dogged by worries about earnings and Brazil. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 33.47 points to 9,087.20.

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# Rice feels the heat

IT SEEMS that Victor Rice's attempt to move Lucas Varity to the US may yet make money; for his shareholders - although not in the way he envisaged. The narrow failure of the car components group to secure investor support for a change of domicile has allowed Federal-Mogul to strike. Federal-Mogul's condi-tional offer of 280p a share is equal to the best price Lucas Varity's shareholders have seen for all but a few days of the past five years. With manufacturing unpopular, and Mr Rice even more unpopular, many UK investors

will be tempted to accept. Unfortunately, they don't have the option at the moment because Lucas Varity is refusing serious talks with Federal-Mogul while it completes its own strategic review. And the American company will not put its money on the table without being given the chance to perform

"confirmatory due diligence", It is intimated. not entirely credibly, that a hostile offer would be pitched below 280p.

The irony is that Federal-Mogul is the company Mr Rice would like Lucas Varity to be growing rapidly by making acquisition after acquisition, and well-regarded by its stock market. Lucas Varity was, once again, left looking flat-footed yesterday. Its first evasive statement about discussing "a wide range of strategic alternatives" appeared only shortly before Federal-Mogul turned up the heat by going public on its bid intentions. Mr Rice must either negotiate with Federal-Mogul, or come up with a better offer...

The breakneck growth may make UK institutions wary of accepting the Federal-Mogul shares as part payment. But it seems that payday is now coming. Hold.

Lonrho

LONRHO is in danger of becoming easy to understand. In the old days it was a complex conglomerate, with all sorts of strange and wonderful businesses, including having a standing army in Mozambique and a joint venture with the Libyans. But at least it paid a good dividend.

Now, having sold its botels and shuffled its randomly performing African trading businesses into Lourho Africa, it is purely and simply a mining company. Having decided to sort out its relationship with Implats, the South African platinum miner, it will be even more focused on precious metals and coal.

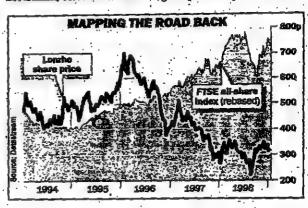
However, it is not all good news. There is a dreadful new name to contend with - Lonmin being a halfway house between the old name and a change of culture. And then

dend is a thing of the past as "Lonmin" starts investing in

its mining assets. With this new-found simplicity has come a rerating of Lonrho shares. The market has come to realise that the company is one of the world's. lowest-cost producers of plati-

the famously generous divi- lowest-cost producers of gold, and will continue to be a lowcost producer of coal so long as the South African rand

Of course, it is still heavily dependent on commodity prices. But, if you feel that the gold price is stabilising coal has reached bottom and platinum num, has a 33 per cent stake prices will not fall, Loncho is a in Ashanti, one of the world's good place for your money.



### Electra

A BID is about the only way that the discount beween Electra Investment Trust's net asset value and the share price will be cleared. But shareholders should think twice before surrendering into the arms of 31:

if they take 3i paper they must consider whether 3i shares can continue to buck the norm for investment trusts and trade at a premium to net asset value. They must also be convinced that Electra and 3i together will be better than Electra on its own. If net asset growth at an independ-ent Electra is demonstrably better than at 3i, it would be better to stick with the dis-

counted Electra shares. Electra has a better record enerating NAV growth then differential is not enough to replace a cleared NAV discount. Moreover, now that the bid genie - and NAV discount closure hope — is out of the bottle Electra's days as anindependent are numbered.

Electra's true NAV is key. Unquoted companies are notoriously hard to value and, while it is hard to believe. they can be undervalued by directors.

Yet the argument is about more than the discount. Electra's experiese in managing. private equity deals is valuable and will be attractive to an American buyer seeking an entry into the European MBO market

Electra shareholders can and should expect more. Despite the rise yesterday, nimble footed buyers can still :

make a quick turn, worked to

Filtronic FILTRONIC is a variation on the telecoms theme. It started out in the 1970s with high is now firmly switched into

consumer mobiles. Filtronic's future is found-ed on the growth in populari-ty of mobile phones. Subscrib-

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er numbers are growing and consumers and base station building network providers are bound to want, and need, updated equipment. Filtronic will be kept busy handling more sophisticated and powerful technology.

Filtronic is relatively small but close association with manufacturers such as Nokia and Motorola heip Filtrorics stability. It also has heavy-ish debts but the pre-Christmas issue of high-yield bonds puts the finances on a firmer looting: interest cover of four to. five times is not generous, but is comfortable given the firm's.

cash generation abilities.

Profit takers led the shares Even so the stock trades on the equivalent of 30 times estimated current-year earnings per share and 22 times for the year to May 2000. Filtronic shares are neither cheap nor risk-free. But they

are worth holding. EDITED BY ROBERT COLE



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# Brazil is not being offered the correct medicine

Britain's recovery after leaving

the ERM is a better example

of how to react after devaluation

tatistically, it may be the eighth-biggest econ-omy in the world but, as General De Gaulle once said: "Brazil is not a serious country." The absence of seriousness was demonstrated not so much in the Brazilian Government's inability to stick to its core economic pledge to avoid a devaluation. The real lack of seriousness has been shown in the Brazilian Government's and the world's response.

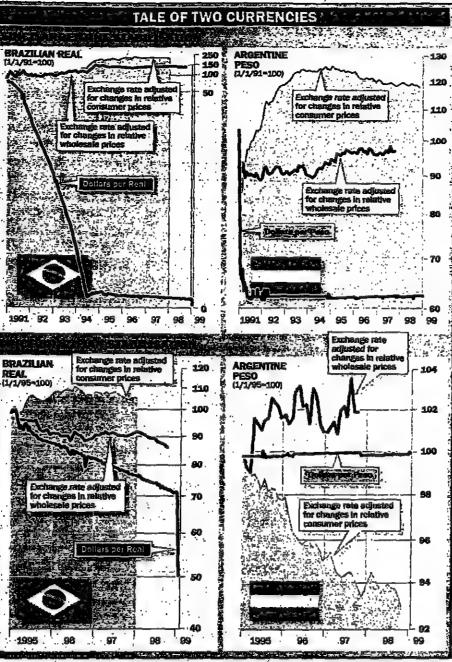
The question about Brazil that preoccupies most economic commentators at present is whether the financial maelstrom will now engulf othercountries that rely on ex-change-rate links, ranging from Argentina to Hong Kong and China. Others ask whether the success of Argentina and Hong Kong in defending their currency pegs implies that other countries such as Brazil, and perhaps Indonesia and Russia, should follow them in abandoning national currencies and imply adopting the dotter, the euro or the year.

But these questions are beside the point. Argentina and Hong Kong are both in a totally different category from Braz-ii. They totally abandoned their monetary autonomy by guaranteeing that every currency note that they issue is backed by a dollar held at the central bank. More importantly, they have created the two key conditions under which a currency board of this type can work: they have rigorously controlled their gov-ernment borrowing; and they have convinced their citizens that there can be no benefit whatsoever in having a national monetary policy independent of the dictates of the US Federal Reserve. In Argentina, the Government has been able to achieve this through a constitutional revolution after decades of economic chaos and violent

dicatatorship. In Hong Kong, the case has been easier to make, simply on the grounds that Hong Kong is a tiny open economy far too small to derive any real benefits from managing its own currency and setting its own inter-

These conditions simply do not apply in Brazil. Like Russia and indonesia, Brazil is much more politically unruly, much larger and much less exposed to foreign trade than either Argentina or Hong Kong. It also has a government that is much worse at collecting taxes and liv-

ing within its means. It is the Brazilian Government's post-devaluation policy that represents the really serious dimension of this crisis and illustrates the lack of seriousness, both in the world's approach. Nobody can blame Brazil for having failed to defend its exchange tate in the



middle of a global financial crisis and a deep domestic recession. Similar challenges have repeatedly overwhelmed far richer and more sophisticated. economies, ranging from Ko-rea in 1997 to Britain, Italy and Sweden in 1992 and France in 1983. In fact nobody outside the International Monetary Fund and the US Treasury was much surprised by the collapse of Brazil's exchange rate policy on January 13 and the real's 30 per cent devaluation. The absence of any surprise was well demonstrated by the relatively calm financial reaction around the world. Why, then, do I say that Braz-

il is not behaving, or being treated, as a serious country? Because the IMF and the US Treasury are acting in a fundamentally frivolous manner pushing the Brazilian Government towards a literally incredible and wrongheaded economic framework that is almost guaranteed to collapse. After the ERM traumas of 1992 in Italy, Scandinavia and Britain and the more recent currency crises in Asia, a few general lessons about devaluations should surely have been learnt. The three most important

principles of a post-devaluation policy can be readily stated by anyone who recalls the rapid economic recovery after White Wednesday in Britain. markets have already succeeded in knocking off a previously established peg. The second is that the only right way to control inflation in such circumstances is to set out and implement a credible plan for reducing the public sector's budget deficit in a gradual but deliberate way. The third and most important principle is that stability can be restored in only one way in a country where financial and economic confidence has been completely shattered; by reviving economic growth and creating a clear prospect of rising profitability

and falling unemployment. mortunately, the Brazilian authorities, apparently unthe IMF and the US Treasury. are turning all these principles on their head. Instead of cutting interest rates immediately after the devaluation, they have raised them from 30 per cent to even more absurd levels of 50 per cent and above. Instead of accepting the inevitable - that the real will fall well below any reasonable definition of "fair value" before rebounding on the foreign exchanges — Brazil

The first principle is that the has been wasting anything up Government must never raise to \$1 billion of reserves every interest rates or waste foreign day in a futile attempt to pre-exchange reserves in trying to vent it from falling "too far". In-"defend" a currency which the stead of seizing the opportunity presented by a national crisis to restructure the tax and public spending system and put the public finances on a sustainable footing, they are trying to rush through piecemeal emergency measures with questionable political support.
Brazil is, according to World

Bank figures, the world's most unequal and lightly taxed leading economy. The richest 10 per cent of the population receive 47 per cent of the country's total income, and taxes amount to just 19 per cent of GDP.

What Brazil needs to achieve a convincing stabilisation is a fundamental restructuring of its fiscal systems designed to create government surpluses after the economy recovers and to ensure the political acceptablili-ty of sound finances by turning taxes and public spending into instruments of modest redistribution, instead of mechanisms for impoverishing the already

Finally, and most urgently, a post-devaluation economic poli-cy has to create a confident expectation of economic growth-And the only way of achieving that in an economy paralysed by interest rates of 50 per cent plus is by aggressive monetary

week in a despairing analysis of Brazilian policy: The start-ing point of new policy is not fis-cal consolidation and devaluation but fiscal consolidation and aggressive monetary eas-ing. The real should be set free to find its own equilibrium level. Extremely low inflation (running at only 0.5 per cent a year in December) means that Brazil can afford to pursue this line of defence," The Government, however,

easing. As Lombard Street Re-

search, the economic consultan-

cy based in London, noted last

has so far been doing exactly the opposite. By simultaneously raising interest rates and raising taxes it has been send-ing a powerful signal to con-sumers, businessmen and foreign investors that the Brazilian economy will continue to fall steeply in the year ahead. In short, far from restoring fi-nancial confidence or increasing political support for its stabilisation measures, the Government, with the IMF and the US Treasury looking over its shoulder, is virtually guarantee-ing a succession of economic and political crises stretching as far ahead as the eye can see.

hy have Brazilian policymakers seized so firmly the wrong end of the stick? Why have they been pushed so enthusiastically down the road to financial perdition by the IMF and US Treasury? It cannot be a misunderstanding about economics. Even the ivory-tower officials at the IMF must surely realise that a falling currency cannot be "defended" by raising interest rates. They must be aware that an exchangerate peg cannot simply be replaced with another at a lower level after the very principle of pegging is seen to have failed. An interest rate of 100 per cent a year offers no attraction to investors who know that the value of their principal could be devalued by 30 per cent in a day.

As Richard Medley, the New York economic consultant, has noted, there has been only one example in living memory of a currency success fully defended with high interest rates: the Mexican peso af-ter the 1995 crisis. "And that only worked because the US Government said to investors: take massively high interest rates and we will ganarantee you repayment."

Perhaps economic officials are so releatant to let Brazil cut interest rates and allow the real to find its own level because, deep down, they believe that Brazil is still not a "serious country". They do not be-lieve that Brazil's low inflation could possibly be sustainable and therefore they do not want it to follow the example set by Britain in 1992. But unless the US Treasury is willing to undertake and pay for another Mexican-style ballout, the international economic community will soon have to come up with a different approach to the crisis in Brazil. Maybe they will have to start treating Brazil in the same way as any other serious country - a good example to start with would be Britain's experience

after White Wednesday.

# Millennium gap separates firms from consumers

s the rather irritating tells you, there are only 339 days left to the millennium. However, many of us seem to be suffering from new era iner-tia already. Ask most people what the millennium means to them and, high on the list of answers, will be the replies "a computer bug" or "a dome in Greenwich".

Given this mixture of apathy and hostility, it is a little difficult to use the millennium as a marketing tool. Compa-nies that have listened to some over-trendy luvvy from a design agency talking about the new era being a time for re-birth and cleansing will realise that there could be a perception gap between what consumers want and what marketeers plan to give them.

That is why research being released this week from The Brand Futures Consultancy, the subsidiary of Grey Communications that specialises in marketing strategy, is timely and welcome. Brand Futures' Opportunity Millennium, as it is called, took the trouble to quiz 2,000 consumers and 149 directors of companies with turnover of £20 million or more about how they think companies should mark the millennium.

The results are quite startling. The overwhelming re-action from consumers is that companies should mark the new era by "putting some-thing back into the community". The questionnaire suggested a number of different ways of marking the millennium. Obviously, if you ask someone whether they like world peace they will say yes. But, even accepting that, there was a great deal of enthusiasm about potential charitable acts by corporations.

Suggestions that companies should help future generations with grants to schools and youth clubs had 90 per cent of people agreeing, and 70 per cent agreeing strongly. Funding libraries and creches gained almost as enthusiastic a response, while other suggestions that were popular were providing "a product or serv-ice to help to make our lives easier or less stressful in the future" and offering ways to

learn new skills and abilities. Of more interest to businesses is the statistic that 65 per cent of respondents would be more likely to use a company's products and services if they did mark the millennium with one of these charitable acts (this percentage rose to 74 per cent in the 35-54 age group).

However, there is some cynicism as to whether the companies will follow their advice. Asked how they reckoned that the millennium will be marked by corporations, 48 per cent of consumers expect there to be lots of special offers and promotions while only 14 per cent expect the kind of good acts that they rather hope the companies will carry out.

So over to the companies. which were asked what sort of millennium-marking activities" are now being planned. Not surprisingly, 76 per tent immediately mentioned setting up a task force to deal with the year 2000 computer bug (which makes one wonder what the other 24 per cent are doing about the bug). Next came running an internal comimmications programme to ex-



plain the company's vision for the new era, which is being conducted by 27 per cent of firms. Then came planning how the company and its brands would develop beyond the millennium, mentioned by

14 per cent of companies. Only 11 per cent mentioned the charitable acts wanted by consumers, the same number as mentioned the dreaded millennium brands that the con-

### MARKET LEADER

sumers fear. Simon Ratcliffe, who, with Clive Cooper, runs Brand Futures, said that there appears to be a gap between what consumers want and what companies are going to do. Some, though, have realised that if they use the millenketing device, they will be caught out. BT, Tesco, Marks & Spencer and Walkers Snackfoods are among the companies that have already started some form of community in-itiative for the millennium, and Brand Futures is full of praise of the NatWest Community Bond, launched last week. which aims to help organisations that otherwise would not

be able to obtain bank loans. Ratcliffe said that if a company had not worked out its millennium marketing strat-egy by Easter, it would not be able to put anything in place early enough to avoid being swamped in the rush to "mark

the millennium".

He believes that the impor-tant issue that companies should address is this desire from consumers for compa nies to "do some good" and that there is no point looking back and celebrating what may already have been achieved; you have to try to work out what you want to achieve

in this new era.
It is a difficult task trying to appear fresh and innovative while all of your competitors are attempting to do the same. But the price of failure is to look particularly leaden-footed when the new era comes

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Simon Ratcliffe, left, and Clive Cooper, who run Brand Futures

# EUSINESS LETTER

### Panel must recognise impartiality From Lord Wolfson of nizes the need for impartiality

Sunningdale Sir, I would like to rectify one point in your Commentary of January 7. I am not questioning the essence of the Panel on Takeovers and Mergers. I do question its present operation-al practice in terms of enforcement of its own Spirit, Princi-

ples and Rules, and its Executive Structure, which ignores the "Rule against Bias". I do not suggest that a professional on secondment cannot be trusted to act independently: I do believe that he or she must be seen to be impartial. It is rele-

vant that the Panel itself recog-

WOLFSON, The Great Universal Stores, Leconfield House, Curzon Street, London WIY 7FL. ☐ An incomplete version of this letter was published on

January 22.

Yours faithfully.



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# No comment

AN UNDIGNIFIED row has broken out between Alan Clark, the cultured MP, and the Financial Times and one of its most charming writers. Clark, whose experiences with the opposite sex have often attracted attention, has written a most ungallant letter to the FT.

Lucy Kellaway had claimed that Clark had tried to charge £1,000 for an interview while hinting that he might be able to improve the price somewhat". I have no idea what he



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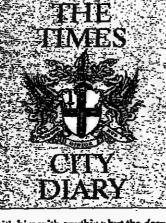
might have meant, because Clark, in a letter to the FT, confirms the sum but denies offering any such reduction. He continues most cruelly: "The idea of a sofa interview with Ms Kell-away held little appeal to me."

Clark is a guest in the FT's planned celebrity lunch, date as yet undecided, but with places to be auctioned to readers for charity. There is a strong hint in the letter — while I am delighted to help the Save the Children Fund, I have no desire to promote the FT, followed by further abuse - that he may now not attend.

Neither party would return calls on the spat, but I trust more charitable thoughts will prevail.

TECHNICAL problems kept BT Alex Brown, which I persist in thinking of as NatWest but never mind, out of commission for 45 minutes after the markets opened yesterday morning. What went wrong? "The server went down and it took something over half an hour to reboot," someone told me. I think he meant the computers

Local difficulty AS DAVID MONTGOMERY's tron.... IT HAS long been an open secret that



with him with anything but the deepest sympathy - I come across an invitation for a drinks do with the regional press on Thursday. Under the same roof will be Philip Graf of Trinity, which tried to buy Mirror, Chris Oakley of Regional Independent Media, the current bidder, and John Allwood, who runs Mirror Group's local papers and so could even take over from Monty.

So at least one should end up running the company. Also there is Charles Brims of Portsmouth & Sunderland, subject to a hostile takeover bid. What will they find to talk about?

Number game bles at Mirror Group worsen — and 1 Bass wants to control Britvic, the soft cannot find anyone who has worked drinks business. But a deal has been

frustrated by the complex ownership structure - Allied Domecq and Whitbread each own almost a quarter. Bass owns almost half and there is even a small stake for PepsiCo. Now we hear of talks for Bass to buy Allied's holding. The latter wants to sell but has never been quite sure

what its stake is worth. Allied has a new finance director, Philip Bowman. It has been suggested to me that this makes it easier for Allied to work out the numbers and ensure a fair price. Bowman used to be finance director at Bass.

A FIELD day for geologists at the Oneworld alliance of BA and four other airlines. No one can agree on what to call their frequent-flier pro-

BA's top customers are gold, American Airline goes platinum, Cathay Pacific gives diamonds to its best friends ... why does one get the impression that the marketing men have been involved? As a result Oneworld has had to bring in yet another range of categories, from emerald through sapphire to ruby for the real plebs. At least they didn't follow the example of the Greek national airline, which recently named its frequent-fliers club Icarus.

Boat people
A REUNION yesterday for Martin

Gilbert, chief executive of Aberdeen Asset Management, and Donald MacDonald, who was in charge of

\*\* \* Worth buying

the Oxford crew for the 1987 Boat Race - the most famous of recent years, the one when the American crew mutinied.

Aberdeen has just emerged as the new sponsor for the Boat Race. Gilbert used to meet MacDonald on the cricket and rugby pitch when each played for their respective Scottish schools.

They have, however, run across each other since. MacDonald now works for Aon after the insurer bought Alexander Clay in 1997. Aon is Aberdeen's insurer.

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Sticking an oar in: Martin Gilbert, left, with Donald McDonald

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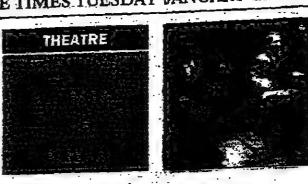
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Actor Jeremy Northam has made it in Hollywood. So what's he doing at the Almeida — slumming? Matt Wolf reports

eremy Northam is on the verge of becoming such a ubiquitous cinema presence that one is slightly surprised to find Sandra Bullock's erstwhile co-star in The Net sipping coffee in the Almeida Theatre bar preparing for notes from his current play's writer-director, Pe-

The same weekend might instead have found Northam in New York promoting the pre-miere of Gloria, the Sidney Lumet film in which he appears opposite Sharon Stone, or even in Utah at the Sundance Festival, where Northam and the American actor Steve Zahn are generating a terrific buzz as escapers from a chain gang in the independent film Happy Texas. In addition, Northam will be seen this year in two screen adaptations of period plays: Rattigan's The Winslow Boy, written and directed by David Mamer, and alongside Cate Blanchett and Minnie Driver in the director Oliver Parker's youthful rethinking of Wilde's An ideal Husband, both of which cast Northam as establishment fig-ures who may be less stiffbacked than they appear. Also awaiting release is a Sundance entry from last year, The Misadventures of Margaret, with Northam as a professor married to Parker Posey's neurotic

novelist.
This is what I've been waiting for," Northam says of the celluloid onslaught, purple sunglasses his only vague nod to the burgeoning film renown that may at last position the 37-year-old actor as a Hugh Grant or Ralph Fiennes-level star. And yet, far from hopping the Atlantic, the actor has chosen to return to the theatre for his first stage appearance since The Country Wife for the Royal Shakespeare Company four and a half years ago.

hat's more, he arrives not as a visiting film star in the Almeida tradition of Kevin Spacey, Juliette Binoche and Liam Neeson, ensemble of Gill's new play. Certain Young Men, in which Northam plays David, a gay obstetrician uneasily part-nered with Andrew Woodall's married Christopher.

"I grew up within that aesthetic." Northam says of the company feel of the play,

"I got into acting because I like plays," says Jeremy Northam, who is now doing just that in London. But with five new films featuring Northam heading our way, the British actor will soon be on a screen near you

# Enter, pursued by fame

which exists in notable contrast to a film career mainly spent playing male second banana to a motley parade of high-powered women, including Bullock, Stone, Mira Sor-(the critically, reviled (the critically praised Emma).

"I got into acting because like plays. It's nice, too, not to have the pressure of 'How's the weekend box office? The joy of just doing something like this simply and directly and, you hope, skilfully -

— is really quite refreshing." Besides, he adds, "the people who do plays who are perceived as movie stars all come from a very strong theatrical

That's certainly true of into drama training at Bristol to take a job in Nottingham. Further regional theatre work followed before a career-making stint at the National Theatre, where he won a 1990 Olivier Award for his performance Richard Eyre's staging of

Solti's 1967 version, made in

Vienna, is wonderfully engi-

neered by Decca but a slightly

played no fewer than three parts at varying times in the same director's Hamlet. Indeed, he stepped into the title role one fateful night in September, 1989, when Daniel Day-Lewis had a breakdown

Northam looks back on the traumatic evening as "ancient history", which it probably is compared to wooing - and stalking — Bullock in The Net. "I could never have imagined that I would be performing opposite these icons, these movie The Voysey Inheritance and stars, who are all totally differ-

ent; it all came as a total surprise, really."

Their presence has meant he has yet to bear the burden for the films' variable commercial fates: "I youldn't be responsible in the public eye, beor Gwyneth. But of course you put a lot of time and effort into doing what you do, and you want it to work, and you would much rather be associated with things which are happy successes."

If advance word is any gauge, both The Winslow Boy

and An Ideal Husband are set. to be exactly that, which looks to be especially pleasing vis-avis the latter film insofar as Northam came late to the cast as a last-minute replacement for Gabriel Byrne. "I got back and a day later I was in a readthrough," the actor says of his role as Sir Robert Chiltern, the ideal husband of Wilde's title. "I went from playing. an escaped conman in Happy

Texas to a politician with a dodgy past." Still, it is hardly required eti-

quette that has Northam enthusing about his current play-"What has been so brilliant is the way Peter Gill does things and demands things of his actors — even as he dis noved at the assumption that a misses any sense of noblesse one was deeply ambitious.

pearing for a fraction of his usual fee. People talk about you earning £250 a week like Nicole Kidman as if its a badge of honour, and that makes me fed up because for most people in the business; that is a good wage and that's ali you get.

"I'm not doing this to wear clothes of penitence and go 'Oh, I have to be a masochist for a while. I'm doing it because it's not often that you're involved in the creation of something, as I was with this seven years ago [in workshop]." In any case, Northam has

hardly gone Hollywood: he continues to live, for example, in North London. "I remember feeling at various times anthe parts you want to play, to be a part of the industry that you wanted to be a part of. I'm ambitious to be a bester actor." Octain Young Men opens tomorrow night at the Almeida, London NI (0171-359 4404). An Ideal · Husband is released in Britain on April 16

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VEHOUS REQUIEM

FOR every great performer (and for every recording engineer, one might add, since the work's dynamic range is exceptional) the Verdi Requiem is an Everest waiting to be climbed. Even more universal in its appeal than the Missa Solemnis or the Requiems of Brahms and Berlioz, Verdi's 90-minute masteroiece is the grandest religious composition of the 19th century.

Completed in 1874, it was the agnostic Verdi's outpouring of deep-felt grief following the death of Italy's most beloved poet. Manzoni.

Each of the four soloists has several long solos which are every bit as intense and demanding as an operatic aria, although Verdi insisted that one mustn't sing this Mass in the way one sings an opera therefore phrasing and dynamics that may be fine in the theatre won't please me at ail". A quartet of superb artists is nevertheless essential, but they must leave operatic sobs and can belto high notes behind them, particularly when they combine in a taxing but expressive variety of duets, trios and quartets.

The Requiem also demands a chorus of great strength and flexibility, an orchestra of redblooded virtuosi and a conductor of spirituality and dyna-

Requiem at Verdi's funeral in 1901 and made a recording 50 years later that, despite its boxy sound, still represents the authentic tradition. Conducting giants of every generation since the war have recorded it: Fricsay made a brilliant version in Berlin in 1953 (mono but single, mid-priced CD from Deutsche Grammophon); Giulini's 1964 interpretation for EMI (full price and full-blooded) remains one of the best, if you can take Schwarzkopt's breathy delivery, and Barbirolli, recording five years later, has the superb Jon Vickers among his soloists, and the tremendous Philharmonia Chorus.

languid Joan Sutherland lowers the tension. Four modern. digital recordings all have strong selling points. Muti is at La Scala: Abbado at the Vienna State Opera. Two English conductors also work with Toscanini conducted the powerful international casts: Colin Davis - in Munich - for RCA and John Eliot Gardiner, employing period in-struments, for Philips. If you won't be happy with anything less than original digital then go for the Davis (remember his compelling Proms performance in 1997?). But my final choice is vintage Leonard Bernstein on Sony Classical SM2K 47639, two CDs. £17.99): the soloists include Domingo plus the LSO and LSO Chorus, remastered from a vivid 1970 performance taped at the Albert Hall. Bernstein has the soul, the heart and the dramatic energy: he inspires an electrifying experience.

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Next Saturday on Radio 3 (Ham): Bernstein's West Side Story

# Poet celebrated on wings of song

espine its punning ti-tle, this concert in Smith Square was a serious event a celebration of the 250th birthday of one of the greatest figures of German culture. Few writers have had a more profound influence on music than Goethe, and since it is through music that he is best known to non-German speakers it made perfect sense for Matthew Best and his Corydon Singers and Orchestra to commemorate him this way.

Or did it? Something was surely wrong when such a fascinating programme could still leave the listener none the wiser about Goethe himself. His texts became just the thread connecting this series of masterpieces and rarities by his composer contemporaries. No exploration of his musical appeal was attempted. Given the vast body of Lieder and operas he inspired, the choral works leatured here were hardly but into context.

Purely on a performance level, though, this was an evening full of excitement. The Corydon forces have made German Romantic music a speciality, but they seemed to surprise both themselves and the audience with the power of Mendelssohn's neglected Die erste Waipurgisnacht. From

the start of a substantial over-ture, this half-hour cantata is full of unfettered lyricism, but it is not all Mendelssolmian sweetness and light: the witches' sabbath at its centre has the orchestra shricking and growling, and the pagans have noth-ing of the religious respectability that often creeps into Men-

delssohn's choral music. Best's account caught all of this freshness and vigour. making it clear why Berlioz,

# for one, thought the score "the Time to take stock



The diagnosis of Mahler's serious heart condition in 1907 immediatey preceded the Ninth Symphony of 1908-09. While it is true that there is a certain amount of mythology surrounding the composer's last works, it is also undeniable that thoughts of death loom large in the Ninth.

And it is perhaps not unduly unfanciful to detect in Bernard Haitink's account of the symphony with the London Philharmonic on Saturday an increased sense of urgency. Whether his recent heart surgery has anything to do with this is a delicate question, but the parallel at least deserves.

What was striking about the interpretation was its rawenergy, a lacerating quality that exposed bone and sinew. Where one normally associates Haitink with control. moderation and a certain dourness, there was no mistaking the fierceness with which he ripped into the angry out-



finest thing Mendelssohn has done". The chorus was lively and the soloists strong. Timothy Robinson displayed a ring-ing tenor as the Druid. Michael George was solemn as the Priest and Jean Rigby

bursts of the first movement. To some extent the unflattering accustics of the Festival Hall exaggerated the harsh orchestral sound, and caused unblended timbres at the beginning to seem even more star-tling than probably intended. Yet it was fair preparation for the starkness of what was

to follow: a reading in which the shadows that fall across the tranquil resignation of the main material seemed darker than ever. Given that the middle movements are both laden with more or less grotesque irony, it was a reasonable strategy of Haitink's to differentiate dearly between them.

The Landler second movement, marked "somewhat clumsy and very coarse", with peasant dancing that should sound ponderous or heavyfooted", according to the score was indeed delivered with a very deliberate rhythmic tread. Done this way, the trills on woodwind, and especially horns, had an unset-

tlingly leering quality.
The Rando Burleske third movement, on the other hand, was a whirlwind of hyperactivity, seething with energy and dispatched with virtuosity. All this leads of course to the sub-limely valedictory hymn of the great Adagio finale. For all that the earlier movements signalled a new approach, Haitink is not a man to revel in sentimentality. True to his nature, it was not a finale of overt emotionalism, but a noble farewell, not without passion, yet sober and restrained.

BARRY MILLINGTON

had a fine presence as the Old-Woman.

To most music lovers, Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage also implies Mendelssohn, but here we were treated to Beethoven's seldom heard choral setting of the Goethe po-erus. Notable for its vivid pictorialism and occasional anticipations of the Ninth Symphony, the score inspired alert, upfront singing from the choir. They had warmth; too, in

Poulenc in his

Schumann's Requiem für Mig-



7 an-Pascal Tortelier and his colleagues in the BBC Philharmonic must have had misgivings about devoting a whole programme to Poulenc. Apart from the question as to whether the music could sustain that kind of scrutiny, there was more than a possibility that the public would not find it very attractive, Poulenc centenary or not. In fact, enterprise was rewarded by a well-filled Bridgewater Hall and an audience that was clearly very happy with what it heard.

The risk was all the greater for the expense of a concert involving Martin Roscoe and Peter Donohoe in the Concerto for Two Pianos, Lynne Dawson as soloist in the Stabat Mater and not only the Leeds Pestival Chorus but also the BBC Singers, who had a tricky task to perform in the unaccompanied six-part cantata Un soir de neige. But the ideal Poulenc programme, covering his development from the boyish Les Biches to the most in-

music is reserved for a quartet of women, sung with distinc-

tion by members of the choir. Two well-known works completed the programme. The or-chestra revelled in Beet-boven's Egmont overture. moving from a soft-grained opening to a blazing close, and Brahms's Alto Rhapsody found Jean Rigby on glowing

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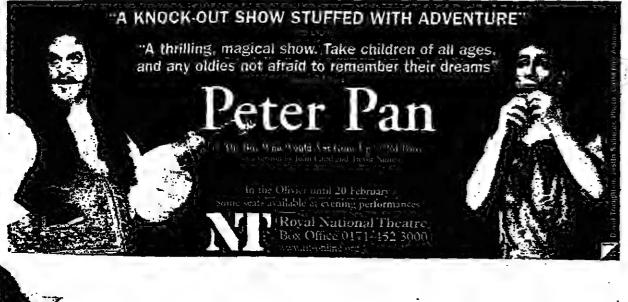
spired of the religious works of maturity, requires that

kind of investment. It certainly could not omit the Concerto for Two Pianos which is the ultimate example of the risks Poulenc could take - in ignoring all the rules of construction and discarding all discretion about using other composers' material - without sacrificing either coher-ence or individuality. It was brilliantly characterised here by a pair of soloists perfectly aligned with each other and with an orchestra sensitive to the poetry in the score as well

as its fairground vulgarity,
The transition between "the hooligan", as one of Poulenc's friends called him, to "the monk", as the same friend called him, was made by the a cappella setting of wartime Eluard verse in Un soir de neige a bleak demonstration of how serious-minded the com-

poser could be. Tortelier was also in a serious frame of mind. If his treatment of the suite from Les Biches was not quite the uninhibited celebration one might have hoped for, his interpretation of the Stabat Mater was entirely appropriate to the suiture of that work and the chastity of its style. Of course, we are talking Poulenc, which means that chastity is a relative rather than absolute value: the long-delayed first entry of the solo soprano voice is sheer voluptuousness and, happily, neither the radiant Dawson nor the conductor was so severe as

to attempt to conceal the fact. GERALD LARNER



sign his name on a calling

VISUAL ART: Ingres could paint men

but they were never his real

inspiration, as Richard Cork

discovers at the National Gallery

o sooner has late Monet settled into the Royal Academy than another, equally rewarding French binter arrives at the National Gallery. But these two magnificent shows could hardly offer a greater contrast. No people can be discerned in Monet's infatuated images of his garden, whereas Jean-Auguste-Dominique logres was a supreme painter of portraits. With lofty disdain, he pretended that history painting was his true calling. But Ingres is always at his finest when faced with a sitter. so the National Gallery is right to concentrate on portraiture and leave his pompous, often absurd allegories alone.

Just how overblown they can be is suggested by the first exhibit to confront us: a towering and marmoreal effigy of Napoleon I on his Imperial Throne. Executed

young ingres as a precocious show-piece in 1806, it Even his presents the newly laurelled Emperor slightest as a blanched, implacable despot. Resting his gold-enportrait crusted foot on a velvet cushion, ithas a self lying on a caremblazoned with the imperial sense of eagle, Napoleon displays his fearsome tension? authority. Clasping

sceptre of Charles V like a vicious spear, he allows Charlemagne's hand of justice to rest against his left thigh. Posed frontally, with a rigid hauteur that reflects Napoleon's appetite for unchallenged power. this severe apparition seems as remote from the modern world as a medieval icon.

Mercifully, though, the glacial Emperor remains an exception among Ingres' portraits. He was equally capable, only a year earlier, of making Madame Rivière into one of his most sensual images. With youthful audacity. Ingres turns his sitter into a sequence of swooping, whirling undulations. Treating the oval canvas as a flat surface, he allows limbs and draperies to flow across it with virtuoso elan. The ringleted Mme Rivière somehow maintains an imperturbable poise, while all around her extravagant linear inventions leap, coil and turnble. The veil surging from her head, no less than the embroidered shawl twisting in fantastic convolutions around her

elongated arm, have an al-

most orgiastic abandon. For all its bravura, the Rivière portrait was received with disapproval in Paris, Jacques-Louis David, Ingres' coolly Neo-Classical master, would never have allowed himself to indulge in such an unbridled display. For the moment, In-gres had to remain content with building a localised reputation in Rome. Here he was able to study his idolised Raphael at will, dreaming already of the grandiose apotheoses he would execute later in life. But he also had the good sense to embark on a portrait as superlative as the half-length of François-Marius Granet, a landscape painter and close

If anyone had doubted Ingres' ability to respond to men with the fervour he bestowed on women, the Granet portrait settled the question. Dressed

in a rich brown cloak, which gives the design its pyramidal firmness, the young man clasps his sketchbackdrop of the Quirinale. buildings are painted with an eye for flattened, cubic simplification that anticipates views of hilltop Prov-ençal villages by Cézanne. knew the Granet

portrait well in his local museum at Aix. But Ingres counters this structural austerity by giving his handsome sitter nervous, sidelong-glancing eyes and wind-tousled hair. Tense with unattained, youthful ambition, Granet is pitched against a thunderous sky that reinforces his troubled mood. For all its debt to Classicism, this complex image shows how Romantic unrest was waiting to burst out of the ordered framework.

ngres never permitted his need for control to be overpowered by an onrush of unchecked feeling. But the turbulence beneath the surface rigour cannot be doubted, lending even his slightest portrait a powerful sense of tension. The pencil drawings he made in such profusion, largely to support himself after the collapse of his Napoleonic supporters in Rome, possess a nalnable intensity. Adept at summarising his mainly British clients with con-

As Ingres grew older, and found himself plied with comness. But once he had completcurtain of near-Venetian sensuousness, the Director of the Pomissions from wealthy society

in his great portrait of Vicomtesse d'Haussonville, Ingres once again allows a mirror to play a mesmerising role, emphasising her solitude

summate skill, he rose above mere flattery and proved that an effortless command of line lies at the very centre of his art. Whether drawing an elegant, intertwined family group, a discerning old lady or a small boy solemnly marooned on an ornate armchair, îngres deploys his draughtsmanship

with miraculous suppleness. When he so wished, Ingres could embark on a painting with unerring speed and looseed its early stages, with a dash worthy of Manet, all that swiftness gave way to infinite, painstaking elaboration. Because the pigment in his portrait of the Baron de Norvins has become worn, we can detect some of the changes Ingres introduced as the picture proceeded. The outcome, however, is the very opposite of laboured. Contrasted with a shimmering wall-cover and

lice cuts a sober, monochromatic figure. Although his white shirt threatens to spurt out from his lapel, its unexpected frothiness is contained within the severity of a jet-black coat. This is a man profession-ally accustomed to suspicion. and his stiff body refuses to lean back against the damaskdraped chair where he sits with such vigilance.

ladies in Paris, he allowed the reins more licence. Steadfastly monogamous in his own marriage, he nevertheless gave himself up to erotic indulgence in the realm of painting. When confronted by the heady languot of Madame de Senonnes in 1814, he revealed the extent of his willingness to be seduced. Viewed slightly from

above, so that her breasts are shown to ample advantage. the hothouse creature relaxes on sumptuous, gleaming fabries. The sitter looks up, her unmarked oval face calm above the spume of a triple-layered. lace collar. Pale satin eruptions break out, at provocative intervals, along the surface of her wine-red velvet dress. No fewer than 13 rings can be counted on her fleshy fingers. and Ingres is bold enough to

card stuffed into the edge of the mirror behind her. This expanse of glass, the first to appear in an Ingres por-trait, reflects the back of Mime

de Senonnes' head. Shadowy and tantalising, it introduces an element of mystery after the brazen allure displayed by the woman in front of the mirror. Ingres deepens the enigma by making the rest of the glass surprisingly dark, and allowing it to spread over a large area of the painting's unfathomable upper section.

he great female por-traits that crown ingres' later career give glass a still more mesmerising role. The Vicomtesse d'Haussonville, far more alert and appraising than the indo-lent Mme de Senonnes, leans back against a mantelpiece surmounted by a grand mir-ror. With one distended figure propping up her chin, echoing a pose adopted by the Greek muse Polyhymnia, she gazes through crescent-shaped eyes in an abstracted manner. Her luxurious accoutrements do not seem to satisfy the young woman, who would later publish several historical romances. She seems a little restless. as if dissatisfied with her leisurely existence. And the prominent reflection of her head and shoulders stresses the young woman's solitude, enveloping her with the unknowa-

> <sup>6</sup>The hothouse creature relaxes on sumptuous fabric?

ble emptiness of the dark

The mirror image is deployed most sombrely of all in the grand final version of Madame Moitessier's two portraits. An earlier, redoubtable three-quarter length of this fashionable hostess shows her standing, arrayed in black and toying with a rope of pearls against a flat, damaskcovered wall. She is expressionless, and her detachment is accentuated by the garland of lush roses dangling from her sculpted hair. They give her the aura of a remote goddess, accustomed to receiving adoration without betraying a scintilla of excitement. The same curious blend of

antiquity and modernity can be found in the later Moitessier portrait. The opposition beheightened. Seated, she allows a flower-spattered Second Empire dress to billow across the lower half of the painting. She appears to float on this sea of petals, and Matisse would have savoured Ingres' willingness to give these opulent patterns such a strong pictorial presence. Once again, Moitessier is removed from her nouveau riche context and given an antique gravity. The wide mirror behind confirms this dimension, by presenting her in shadowy profile as a Sphinxlike enigma. This time, though, the reflected image seems to be turning into stone. Her stillness is close to death, mocking the woman's finery and bejewelled satisfaction even as Ingres bestows immortality upon her.

Portraits by Ingres at the National Gallery (0171-839 3321) until April 25

# AROUND THE LONDON GALLERIES

DECADENCE is a queasy concept; easier to sense than it is to define. It glistens, alluring yet repulsive, like the gloss of bright colours on decaying

meat. Decadence is the Roman Emperor Commodus; ravaging then slaying virgins. It is Evelyn Waugh's tortoise

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shell. It is cruelty and high camp, opulence and consump-"It is the rottenness from which all life springs," said with a diamond-encrusted Germaine Greer.

But most of all decadence is defined by its era, which is why the Crafts Council has chosen this cusp of the century to mount a show which explores decadence over the past decade. The sumptuous display of jewellery and textiles, sculpture and ceramics, glass and furniture, tantalises. The rich mix of media and ideas fascinates. It is hard for the eye to settle at first.

In the corner of a chamber, draped in dark velvet, a polished black Icarus spirals to his doom. His wings, quilled with mirrors, catch myriad glancing reflections of light. This is Andrew Logan's interpretation of the theme: a glitzy glory before the moment of death. Other works are more sinister. Seen from a distance, Andy Frazeli's wall clock may look like a nursery ornament. But examine it more closely and you see a slaughterhouse

Each exhibit deserves such fastidious inspection. A cornucopia, woven from ivy and leaves and moss, beaded with berries and old-man's beard, is not a symbol of bountiful nature. Discarded Fanta cans and crumpled crisp packets overspill the lip. And inside the ceramic rim, rippled like fungus, a scaly tentacle lurks.



Decadent? Andrew Logan's Icarus at the Crafts Council

Texture and pattern, design and detail, are the essence of this show, whether seen in the minimalist elegance of a John Makepeace cabinet, or the gilded decorations of a harpsichord. This show unfuris and

explores the desires of a decade, and questions whether they really are decadent any more.

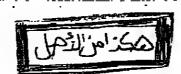
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I BUMPED into the artist Peter Blake at the Royal Academy's Monet show. Among all the admirers of this most popular Impressionist, Blake's was an isolated voice of dissent. He didn't like the paintings, he declared, which seemed all the odder at the time because near by was a photograph of the ageing Monet, and the similar-ities in appearance between the two artists were striking. But the clue to their differences lay in their beards. Where Monet's was flowing. Blake's was tightly clipped. And his artistic style has the same taut precision.

Those disheartened by the stretching queues for the Royal Academy might enjoy pop-ping round the corner to see Blake's prints. Here are jokey series of tattooed ladies, brunettes and blondes in bright bikinis. "I wonder where this thing leads to?" cries Robin to Batman, as they slide down the lumpen curve of a thigh. Elvis Presley nestles against a clavicle. Minutely detailed woodcuts examine the freaks in the circus sideshow, photomontages create bewildering theatres in a Regency room. But more usually Blake seems to be caught in the rainbowed realm of the Sixties and Seventies. Perhaps his work will come back into fashion again in this retro-obsessed world. Peter Gwyther, 29 Bruton St, London WI (0171-495 4747) until Feb 27

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stoned, easy groove of its album template

The brainchild of James Lavelle, the founder of trip hop record label Mo'Wax, UNKLE was conceived as a supergroup of sorts. Last year's debut album. Psyence Fiction, featured Richard Ashcroft, Thom Yorke, Beastie Boy Mike D and Metallica's Jason Newsted. None, however, had turned up to the show.

Instead of pop stars, what the audience got was Lavelle. flanked by two members of British DJ crew the Scratch Perverts, standing behind six record decks laid side by side

on a table. To be fair, the Scratch Perverts were a joy to watch. Both award-winning hip hop DJs, their speedy turntable skills transformed the a record into an art form. With sections of each song

pressed on to different dublates, the idea was to remix Psvence Fiction live on stage. For the most part, however, the effect was like listening to the album at home. The only excitement came courtesy of singer Ian Brown, who slouched on stage to inject the show with some much-needed star quality. Adding vocals to the instrumental album track Unreal, he pave the crowd a taste of how good UNKLE could have been, had Lavelle persuaded a few more of his

mates to turn up. LISA VERRICO

oy is not a word automatically associated with Marcus Roberts, so the arrival of an album called The Joy of Joplin arouses a certain trepidation. Ever since he signed up with the Wymon Marsalis band, the blind American pianist has tended to promote jazz as a form of moral uplift.

been predictably dour titles such as The Truth is Spoken Here tell you all you need to know about his self-imposed mission to raise the public's consciousness. But even though his solo disc Alone With Three Giants had its moments of portemousness, it also testified to his burgeoning technique and his determination to find a path through the music of El-

lington, Morton and Monk. . One recent Sony Classical release offered a bizarre attempt to graft bop improvisation on to Rhapsody In Blue, cheekily implying that George Gershwin would have been a better musician if he had hung out with Roberts and his friends.

# for the spirits



The Jordin tribute is more satis-

another member of the clan)

setting up a shuffling New Or-

to Marsalis's taut cymbal work, even adding a few excursions into olde-time slap-bass. What was lacking was the sense of ease and loie de vivre that you hear in the work of a modern master such as Raiph Sutton. Then again, Roberts prefers denser harmomes. while he is equally capable of switching to versions of I Let A Song Go Out Of My Heart and other Ellington tunes which were uncannily close to the spare, brush-driven miniamonk in the mid-Fifties. Roll

ful leotards, as opposed to men in

suits and spectacles, they could have

been classified as expressionist

dance. Ball-balancing tricks which

could easily appear as entertainment at a corporate party here take on a cu-

rious poignancy when conducted by a sad but beautiful man, dressed only in a towel. While there are comic in

terfudes, the final image is one of lone-

liness and desolation. Not absolutely

mesmerising, perhaps, but a brave

HETTIE JUDAH

leans march rhythm before the leader made his heavily

syncopated entry. After a doz-

en bars Roberts had thorough-

ly disguised the beat; a sudden

digression into a reggae pulse helped us to find our feet. In

terms of pure rhythm, this

was a starting display, even alor lowing for the repetitive use of

drim and bass solos. Roland

Guerin made a compelling foil

and enriching experiment in the pos-

sibilities of physical performance.

A supine Vincent Bruel of the juggling duo Vis A Vis achieves the unlikely task of eliciting love, pathos and even melancholy from the movement of some white balls

# Broken hearts on the ball

fall the theatrical arts, perhaps the one that marries least naturally with matters of the heart is that which involves the propulsion of a set of bails or clubs.

There are very few for whom juggling would be the medium of choice for the portrayal of human tragedy, dependent as it is on such factors as control and predictability. Lionel About and Vincent Bruel, aka Vis A Vis, are among that few. Such is their dexterity that their Visa Pour L'Amour elicits love, pathos and even melancholy from the movement of a

only the hottest ticket in town,

but the first must-see show of

outfit UNKLE made its live

London debut on the final date

of NME's Premier tour with a

lot to live up to. In the end,

however, the expectation all

.. First to suffer was the trio of

support acts. It scarcely

seemed to matter to much of

the audience how Llama Farm-

ers. Delakota or Idlewild

played. A rapidly improving

idlewild should have kick-

started the show, but failed to

stir more than the front few

plagued by sound problems, a

lacklustre Delakota gave fans

few reasons to cheer. Only a

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few sets of white balls. Of course, they are greatly assisted in their task by their talents in the fields of dance and mime, but when the music stops. this is essentially the tale of the love affair between two men and a couple of buckets of plastic spheres. Dressed in the timeless clown cos-

tume of the City banker, Bruel and About locate themselves in a kind of artificial play area; a synthetic garden by the sea in which they tiff over toy watering cans, make paper boats and grow peculiar ball-bearing plants, the fruits of which are plucked and then thrown around.



Their relationship is the kind of fierce, competitive love usually seen. between pairs of 12-year-old boys, but here carried over into adulthood. Juggling is the symbol of their bond: two bodies united by a common purpose: they juggle when they are happy, when they make up after a row, and

# Uplift

when they are trying to prove them-

selves. Quite where one draws the

line between actual juggling and just general object manipulation it is hard to tell; much of what takes place

involves no throwing or carching and

closely resembles the kind of gymnastic activity usually undertaken by ado-

Indeed, the appeal of Visa Pour L'Amour lies quite strongly not in

what is actually being done on stage,

but the context in which it is being.

performed. Had some of the move-

ment sequences been identically per-

formed by a pair of girls in meaning-

lescent Romanian girls.



fying. The composer himself would probably have been herrified, since Roberts's trio wanders far from the notes on the page. Yet as an exercise in blending jazz figures onto ragtime foundations it is intriguing. Roberts reprised The Entertainer at the South Bank, the drummer Jason Marsalis (yet

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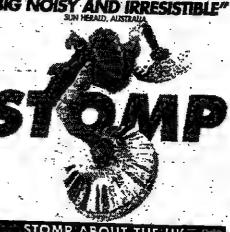
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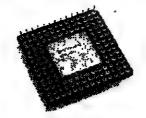
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According to Mick Jagger's team, his marriage to Jerry Hall was a turkey from day one because they did not have the right number of witnesses and there was a mix-up in the paperwork. So has Mick-known all along that he was unwed? Or has this defence been unearthed more recently by a bright lawyer who has been investigating the events of the ceremony in Bali?

The basic position in the UK is that an overseas marriage will be valid if both persons had the capacity to marry and the local civil formalities were fully observed. Look beneath generalisation, however, and the complexity of the issue soon becomes baffling. Even leading authorities

such as Peter George of Charles l say this area of international private law can be like playing multidimensional

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David Truex, of the Anglo-Australian practice David Truex and Company, describes the complicated. "I'm writing a manual

so that high street lawyers can understand the issues," he says. "Frankly, it is very difficult to do."

The upsurge in the number of complex marital disputes reflects increasingly international lives in which place of marriage, husbands and wives, domicile and assets may be scattered across the globe.

Mr Trucx explained: "Tve recently had a case in which an Australian woman married an Irish man and the couple lived . initially in Ireland. The marriage broke up and the man went to live in France, the woman in Australia.

"He then petitioned for divorce in England and we had to persuade the English courts that this was not appropriate. So he then got a quickie di-vorce in Mexico and promptly married someone else, in New York. The authorities there recognised the Mexican divorce, but other countries would

Where does that leave the wife? Is she still married? If she decided that she was divorced and then remarried. would her second marriage be valid? Frankly, the answers may vary from country to country. For example, had she been domiciled in Ireland but had obtained a divorce in Australia, it would not be recognised in Ireland. But it would be recognised in England.

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The result, says Katharine
Shaw of the family law department at Radcliffes, is that
when it comes to divorce, there
is an increasing amount of forum shopping as lawyers and
clients weigh up the pros and
comes of where they will launch
an action. Some jurisdictions
might offer a quicker process might offer a quicker process. but their rulings might be unenforceable. And if their decisions are not recognised by other significant countries, that may queer the possibility of a future valid marriage

So while the status of marriages used rarely to be questioned (except in cases of bigamy or non-consummation).

there is likely to be a growing number of divorce and inberitance cases that hinge on the issue "Was the marriage valid in the first place?"

And it is not just globetrotting superstars who run up against these prob-Growing prosperity and a have produced a

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marriage cum-holiday packages. Getting mar-ried in a bikini on the beach is no longer a problem for sperialist companies and bigname travel operators alike. which offer all-in deals complete with "ceremony, marriage and certificate". The operators arrange the details so that "when you arrive at your destination you will have noth-

ing to worry about". But what if your final desti-nation is the divorce court? Being married by a Buddhist monk on the slopes of Everest may produce great snaps for the family album - but has the monk got the right authorisation from the local civil au-

Already a number of holiday companies have made their way to leading travel lawyers to check on how they stand. After all, if a marriage turned out to be invalid, could the disappointed holidaymak-ers come back for redress? Peter Steward of Field Fish-

er Waterhouse is clear on his advice. "I advise travel companies to give the clients the full



facts," he says. "They should suggest that their customers take legal advice first. And they should make it clear that they accept no responsibility for anything that might subsequently go wrong."

Start to investigate the small print, even in England and Wales, and the situation soon becomes complicated. For example, to be declared null, a marriage can be either void or voidable. It will be void, when the parties are within the prohibited degrees of relationship or if either of them is under 16. or if either was already married. It will be voidable if the marriages have not been consummated or if either partner did not validly consent to it or if, at the time of the marriage. the respondent was pregnant by some person other than the

Then there is the matter of reading the banns in church and of the service being con-ducted by qualified officiants (rather than a work experience youth - as happened recently in one Anglican church). For many people, the reli-

gious context may be more im-

glican clergymen ordained for a year can solemnise marriages but for Roman Catholics. Quakers, Jews, Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims, different regulations apply.

Father John Nelson of Ports-

mouth's Catholic diocese, an expert in canonical law, says that every effort is made to work with the civil authorities. So although the Catholic Church does not recognise a register office wedding, a civil divorce would be required before they could marry again in a Catholic service.

Because of the potential for complexity, there is a growing belief in England and Wales that prenuptial contracts, which are not yet binding in our courts, may offer a way forward. Mr George comments: To avoid an argument, many people prefer to have a straightforward, enforceable contract." So if you decide to go for the turkey on the hill in the saffron robes, be sure to sign a prenuptial before getting the ring. And make sure your travel agent pre-books the divorce in Mexico.

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#### may harm civil justice n March 1989, Lord Donaldson of Lymington, then Master of the Rolls, made a practice direction introducing a require-

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Skeleton argument that

ment that counsel file a skeleton argument before the hearing of a civil appeal. There is concern among practitioners that the most recent practice direction in this area, which comes fully into effect next Monday, will greatly reduce the value of these skeleton ar-

gurnents and damage civil justice. As the 1989 practice direction explained, a skeleton argument is a written summary which identifies the principal points and draws attention to the relevant legal authorities. Its main purpose is to assist the judge to prepare for the hearing, thereby ensuring that the oral argument for the appeal can fo-

cus on the central issues in dispute between the parties. This reduces the time spent in court, and limits the costs for litigants and the legal system.

By advancing these objectives, the skeleton argument has been one of the most sig-nificant improvements in civil procedure in the past 50 years, and not just in the Court of Appeal. A similar requirement has been imposed in other civil courts.

The 1989 practice direction imposed a deadline for the filing of skeleton arguments of four weeks before a fixed hearing date. In 1990 this was reduced to 14 days. That remained the normal rule until the recent practice direction is-sued by Lord Woolf, the Master of the Rolls,

last November after "consultation with the members of the Court of Appeal", as the direction records. The new standard rule is that the appellant must include a skeleton argument when filing the appeal bundle of documents, within 14 days of the appeal appearing in the list of forthcoming appeals. The respondent must then lodge a reply skeleton argument within 21 days of receipt of the appellant's skeleton argument. This will mean that there is an obligation to prepare and file skeleton arguments at an earlier stage of the appeal proceedings. The date by which an appellant must file a bundle of documents is typically many months before the hearing. In judicial review cases, the skeleton arguments will need to be filed about six months before the appeal is heard. The new practice direction adds that a supplemental or revised skeleton argument may not be lodged with-out the court's permission, and such permission will be granted only if there is good reason for doing so.

The requirement to file skeleton arguments early in the appeal proceedings is un-fortunate. There will be four main disadvan-

tages. First, because the work will be done so long before the appeal hearing that the skeleton arguments will decline in quality and focus, and will not provide as much assistance to the court as a skeleton argument filed close to the hearing date. No doubt the previous 14-day rule was based on Dr Johnson's principle that "when a man knows he is to be hanged in a fortnight, it concentrates his mind wonderfully". Secondly, in areas of the law (such as pub-

lic law and employment law) where developments are rapid, the skeleton argument will often need amendment by the time of the hearing if it is to address current legal principles. Thirdly, lawyers will now need fully to prepare the case twice, once for the skeleton

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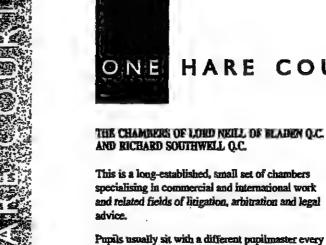
Fourthly, counsel previously knew when they bad a duty to file a skeleton argument because it was based on the hearing date in their diary. The new rule focuses on the date notified to the solicitor for the case entering the list of forthcoming appeals. Coun-sel will now be dependent on the solicitor giving them that

information. Delays in communication will inevitably mean that skeleton arguments will be prepared in even more of a rush than they are at present.

These detriments are not outweighed by any positive benefit from skeleton arguments being filed so much earlier. The judges are not going to read them until just before the hearing of the appeal. The duty to provide a skeleton argument at the early stage is unlikely to deter unmeritorious appeals. The re-quirement for sequential filing of skeleton arguments is an improvement on the previous procedure by making it more likely that the respondent's document will answer the one filed by the appellant. But that objective does not require the documents to be presented so long in advance of the hearing date.

Mr Justice Cardozo of the United States Supreme Court gave warning that changes to civil procedure must not multiply impediments to justice without the warrant of clear necessity". The Court of Appeal should rethink its practice direction.

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former husband, and a newspaper, from disclosing marital confidences. The court held that marriage was a relationship of a confidential nature that gave rise to an obligation of confidence. Mr Carter-Ruck adds "Mr Cook could arguably seek to obtain an injunction to prevent further publication of details of his marriage."

day (see page 43). Lord Woolf, the Master ance crisis. Last week the council debated



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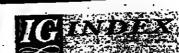
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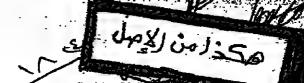
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# Playing by the rules

Why is the OFT tackling football's Premier League? Report by

Richard Prowse

he Restrictive Practic-es Court is being asked to blow the whistle on the FA Premier League and to show a red card to its lucrative television

In a case brought by the Of-fice of Fair Trading (OFT), the UK's competition law watch-dog, the Premier League stands accused of operating as an illegal cartel. The alleged offence is the practice of the league's clubs collectively selling their television rights to BSkyB (40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times) and the BBC.

The case, which started on January 12 has been surrounded by much rhetoric and confusion, Unusually, we have seen Tony Banks, the Sports Minister, criticising a government of-fice, the OFT, for its decision to Marsue, a case. Talk abounds in football circles of the collapse of the Premier League and critics say that the sport as we know it is under threat. Of course, football is a high-

ly emotive topic at the heart of Britain's culture. But we should all. Tony Banks included, step back and focus realistically on why the OFT has brought the case.

The issue is whether, and

how, competition law should apply to sport and what the fu-ture holds. The case brought by the OFT is based on a straightforward application of competition rules. If we take a dispassionate view, it is diffi-OFT's argument. English Premier League clubs are banding together in order to sell their product, the television rights to FA Carling Premiership football.

From a purely economic and legal stance, this eliminates any competition between them and means that they are able to use their collective muscle to negotiate price and limit the choice of matches screened. The result, potential-



The film of Nick Hornby's Fever Pitch: football is a topic at the heart of Britain's culture

ly, is that the consumer pays more and sees less. If the televised football market was not restricted by the existence of a cartel, the argument is that clubs would then sell their rights individually and in competition with each other, resulting in lower prices and more matches on more channels. This is how markets operate in other industries and, in effect,

the OFT is applying the same principles to football as it would to any other business ac-

tivity.
If in any other industry a similar horizontal cartel were established, people would want to be assured that the OFT believed it to be operating for consumers' benefit. A cartel of petrol companies, for example, agreeing the selling

price of a litre of fuel, would almost certainly be illegal, because it would keep prices arti-

licially high "Football is a sport that happens to be a business rather than a business that happens to be a sport," Mr Banks says. This is a good soundbite, but it means nothing. The OFT is not examining the game of football, but rather the way in which it conducts its business, and it is right to do so. What Mr Banks should be concentrating on is not whether the OFT should have the right to examine the business of football, but whether the way football is run is in the interest of consumers and the game.

There is no reason a football club should not have its conduct and agreements scruti-nised under the competition rules and this has long been recognised in Europe. The Bosman ruling on transfers. which means that players out of contract with their clubs are free to move without their clubs being able to demand a transfer fee, is now an established part of the game in England and the whole of Europe. Football generates billions of pounds a year and national competition authorities have a duty to keep under review an industry of this size.

n applying the rules, the OFT should, of course, recognise the special nature of football. It may well be necessary to apply the competition laws in the light of the fact that unrestricted business competition may give too much power to the media companies and large clubs and drive weaker rivals out of business. This would take from football the very thing that it thrives upon: teams, competi-tion and a special place in our

The court case cannot be con-sidered in isolation from other recent events. BSkyB has played a clever game — its bid for Manchester United means that it has an insurance policy should this court case go the wrong way. It is difficult to see the Premier League losing this case and also BSkyB being prevented from completing the acauisition.

It is also worth noting that the fact a court case has been necessary to air the issues of broadcasting rights highlights the inadequacies of the present legal structure. In future, and with the introduction of the Competition Act in March 2000, it is likely that such problems will be addressed before contracts are signed under the new UK clearance regime.

■ The author, a partner at Ever-sheds, specialises in EU and com-

## Why the entente is not so cordiale

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They are aggressive, arrogant and un-couth. These are some of the more pleasant things the French say about English lawyers. Anger has been growing over the rapid expansion of the Parisian offices of City law firms, culminating in a vitri-

olic article in the news magazine Le Point this month denouncing "English imperialism".

Gallic avocats complained about the way their British counterparts had headhunted top Parisian commercial lawyers, and sometimes teams of lawyers, with promises of earnings of more than £100,000 a year.

The controversy has arisen because City firms are attempting to strengthen their presence on the Continent, particularly in Paris and Frankfurt. Most have tried to expand through alliances with continental partners. Linklaters, for example, last year announced a federation with German, Belgian, Dutch and Swedish firms. Cameron McKenna is planning a similar move

But such associations do not always run smoothly, especially when they run into Franco-British hostility. Last

June, for instance, France's largest cabinet. Gide-Loyrette-Nouel, broke off a ten-year association with Allen & Overy. Then, last month, another French firm, de Pardieu, abandoned plans for an alliance with Allen & Overy. Lucie Maurel-Aubert, a lawyer at Gide, told Le Point: They wanted to impose their own brand name and to take our markets. We wanted an association where we would complement each other." That was bad enough for

Gide, which, with 350 lawyers and an annual turnover of Fr600 million (about £6.3 million), is a giant by French standards. But worse followed as five of its leading commercial lawyers left for Allen & Overy, another ten for Linklaters and one, last week, for Freshfields.

Other French firms also face what they deem to be unwarranted attacks of this sort. Olivier Pichot, a partner specialising in legal recruitment with the international headhunters Tasa Worldwide, claims: "The English have an approach that is aggressive and colonialist. They think they may lose out because Britain is not in the euro, so they are trying to buy up whole teams and structures in Paris in the hope of becoming operational here

M Pichot says that City law firms have been promising to double the revenue of French lawyers earning between Fr500,000 and Fy700,000 a year. "But this approach is bound to fail," he says. "They have been going to the crème of Parisian lawyers and saying 'How much do you want? We are pre-

French lawyers are not happy about the tactics of English law firms, says Adam Sage

pared to buy you. They are often turned down because they do not realise that though the French may be ready to sell themselves, they do not want to lose their identity. The English have tried to go too fast, and they have made too many mistakes."

French lawyers say that their firms are codified system that leaves less room for legal manoeuvre than under the common law tradition, and less cut-throat.

A senior partner in a Parisian firm, who asked not to be named, says: "The only thing that seems to matter to the English is money. The City firms are real economic war ma-chines that hardly care about the law at all. Here, we see ourselves much more as a fraternity con-

cerned with our profession. The City, not unnaturally, views things differently, as Stephan Denyer, the regional managing partner for Europe at Allen & Overy, argues: "What we are seeking is longterm, measured development and we would be silly to do things in an unnecessarily aggressive way. We do not go around luring people in Paris or anywhere else, but it is a aggressive case that good lawyers are attracted colonialist' to us because of our development."

The firm's Paris office, he explains, employs 37 people and has doubled in size over recent months, as has the Frankfurt bureau. Within four years, only half of Allen & Overy lawyers in its offices around the world will be British, compared with 70 per cent at present. "This," he

dds, "is due to client demand." Peter Kett, a senior partner at the Paris office of Slaughter & May, says: "I know that some French firms have criticised the London law firms in Paris for engaging in what they consider to be competitive practices, but I do not subscribe to this view. You cannot criticise the English firms for what they have done. It has all been legitimate. They have simply been good at promoting themselves."

Gilles August, the founder of August et Debouzy, one of the few Parisian firms to flourish in recent years, agrees. "The English are aggressive, but you cannot hold that against them," he says. "They have the right to do what they have done. The French must simply follow their example. They are entirely capable of doing so. That is the law of business. You adapt or you die."

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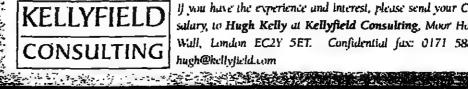
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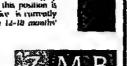
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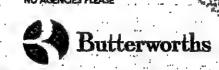
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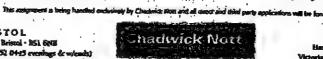
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# The people's judge: Lord Denning celebrates his centenary

Brilliant, unpretentious and a judicial activist, Lord Denning is Britain's most treasured senior judge. By Frances Gibb

Lord Denning would top the poll.

He is the student's judge, the lawyer's judge and, above all, the people's judge Litigants in person loved him,
and he was a gift to the media. Whenever I rang him for a comment about a colleague he was happy to respond, and the rejoinder was always: "Say something nice about him, wen't you?"

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last Saturday more than 170 lawyers. and judges met at the University of Buckingham to say something nice about Lord Denning on his 100th birthday and pay tribute to his contribution to the law over 38 years as a judge, 20 of them as Master of the Rolls. Unfortunately, the guest of honour was too trail to

Mention Lord Denning's name and people think of his Hampshire burr and the style of his judgments - short; simple sentences of startling clari-y. But his legacy to the law itself is, arguably, unrivalled. Lord Woolf, the Master of the

ahead of his day and only years later became accepted as representing the law. "In one dissenting judgment, he said that if a person gives negligent advice, he can be held liable to any person acting on that advice. Some 15 years later, the law lords followed him. In his many rulings in civil disputes, Lord Denning also helped to lay the foundations for what is now main-

stream law - judicial review, allowing in-

dividuals to succeed in challenging abuses

of power by authorities or big corpora-tions. "He put the Court of Appeal's civil di-vision on the map," Lord Woolf says. "Un-til his time, on the whole it was the great criminal cases that caught the public imag-ination. With him, for the first time, it was civil cases; becruse he was protecting the Lord Woolf, who appeared before Lord

Denning as a young advocate, remembers his patience at a time when it was the norm for judges to be crusty and impatient. When I was just starting out as a Treasury junior. I was a bit out of my depth in one difficult case and protected. he guided me through." Vhen Lord Woolf was promoted to the Court of Appeal, a big occa-sion for him and his family, he the little recalls Lord Denning being extremely kind to my sons man against

they remember that more than anything else that day". As for sitting with him as a fellow judge, Lord Donaldson battalions' of Lymington - who succeed-ed Lord Denning on his retirement in 1982 — recalls his bril-

Rolls, says: "Many of his decisions were liant mind and "total-recall memory. He could skim through the whole of the ar-gument in his mind." But there were-dangers he added, sitting as the second judge with Lord Denning, "He might think about a case overnight before giving judgment, and then come to the conclusion that what he had decided was wrong."
A judicial activist, Lord Denning did

not believe in judges leaving things to Par-liament: they had to provide an instant



remedy for the individual. If the law was unjust, then it had to be altered in order to accord with his notion of justice. Alternatively, the law would be interpreted to provide justice — what judges will increasingly do as the Human Rights Act

He himself cites the High Trees case in 1947, in which he ruled that a person should keep his word or bond; the many matrimonial cases that created the princi-ple of the deserted wife's equity; and the cases correcting abuses of power such as that overruling the Board of Trade when it denied Laker Airways a licence.

On Saturday many other cases - from commercial and company law to family were cited. Len Sealy, an emeritus professor from Cambridge, recalls the Mareva injunction - which enabled courts to

tiff had not yet established his right to proceed against those assets - as one measure for which Lord Denning should be re-

Lord Denning does have his critics: he did make mistakes that the law lords subsequently reversed, and some of his views, particularly in later years, aroused controversy — for example, he was accused, to his distress, of casting a slur on the ability of black people to be jurors. But he argued passionately that the com-mon law of England regarded a person's

colour or race as "irrelevant" in deciding his rights or duties. And despite deeply held Christian values, he liberalised the divorce laws, and treated cohabiting couples as married couples where possible. Likewise, his view of the breakdown of marriage was pragmatic: the divorce court, he said, should not penalise anyone.

As Professor Michael Freeman, of University College London, said on Saturday, Lord Denning is quintessentially English, with beliefs rooted in the Protestant work ethic and family. So it was fitting that he celebrated his birthday with friends and family in his native village of Whitchurch (he was born there, the son of a draper) with a peal of bells, a choir and the plant-ing of an oak. Peter Post, who was his clerk and now manages his affairs, visits twice a week and they still enjoy fish and chips sent up on Friday by the local hotel,

with chocolates and coffee to follow. How will he be remembered? Sir John Balcombe, a retired Court of Appeal judge and one of the guests on Saturday, singles out Lord Denning's humanity: "He was a brilliant lawyer, though not everyone always agreed with him. And he was so nice to people in court ... the most unpomp-

ous man I have ever met." Lord Donaldson speaks of his making the law available to the small man. Lord Woolf, who inherited – literally – Lord Denning's appeal court robes and whose career has followed a similar path, points to his kindness: "People would leave court totally happy, even if he found against them. He will be remembered as the champion of the little man and as a great legal reform-er who had a vision of the common law that reverberated throughout the world."

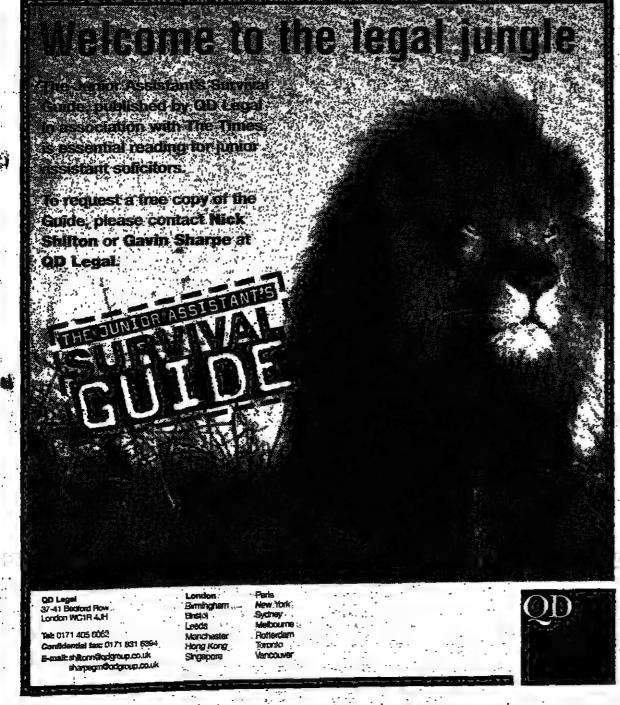
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## Payments to patient are not for mother

In re the Estate of B (De-

Belore Mr Justice Jonathan Parker (Judgment January 22) Where the Court of Protection made monetary contributions on a patient's behalf to the provision of accommodation and to the run-ning of a household, those payments could not properly be charac-terised as a contribution towards the "reasonable needs" of the patient's mother for the purposes of section 1(f)(e) of the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Depend-ants) Act 1975, notwithstanding that the payments indirectly bene-fited the mather

Mr Justice Jonathan Parker so held in the Chancery Division on a summons issued under Order 14A of the Rules of the Supreme Court by PR. Further, his Lordship al-lowed an appeal by PR against an order of Master Bragge's granting leave to IB to commence proceedings out of time under the 1975 Act for reasonable provision to made for her out of the estate of her deceased daughter, B.

Mr William Henderson for PR: Mr John Ross Martyn for IB. MR JUSTICE JONATHAN PARKER said that B was born on April 10, 1979. Due to the negli-gence of the medical staff in ar-

tempting a forceps delivery, she suf-

scene when she was eight months old, however her mother, IB, con-tinued to care for her devotedly. In due course an action was brought on behalf of B against the area health authority and in May 1986 a. final award of damages was made in the sum of £250,000. in July 1985, a bungalow was urchased for the joint occupation

of B and IB. B paid 75 per cent of the purchase price pursuant to a direction from the Court of Protection and IB paid the balance.

On B's death, her 75 per cent ben-eficial share in the property vested in her estate on a resulting trust and passed on her intestacy to IB and PR in equal shares. On March 6. 1997 IB issued her application for leave to commence

proceedings for reasonable finan-cial provision under the 1975 Acr. leave being granted by Master Bragge on February 10, 1998. Section 1 of the 1975 Act con-

tained provisions as to who could make an application under the Act. Section I(I) listed the five categories

of persons including
"(e) any person (not being a person included in the foregoing paragraphs of his subsection) who immediately before the death of the deceased was being maintained, wholly or partly, by the deceased". To qualify as an applicant under section Itilies, IB had to satisfy the court, inter alia, that (i) at the date

money's worth towards the reason-able needs of IB and (ii) B had "assumed responsibility for the main-tenance of 1B for the purposes of section 3(4) of the Act.

On the first question, his Lord-ship said that section 95(1) of the Mental Health Act 1983 conferred on the Court of Protection, with respect to the property and affairs of the patient, a power to secure the doing of all such things as ap-peared to be necessary or expedient for the maintenance or other benefit of the patient and the main tenance or other benefit of mem-

It was common ground that in the instant case no direction was made by the Court of Protection pursuant to section 95(1) of the 1983 Act for payments to be made to IB otherwise than in her capacity as B's receiver; that is to say no direc-tion was made for payments to me made to IB for her own maintenance or benefit.

All the payments made by the Court of Protection were made out of the fund representing the damages award and they were made for the maintenance and benefit of B. However, there could be no doubt that a side-effect of the payments made by the Court of Protec-tion for the maintenance and bene-

fit of B was to the benefit of 1B also.

After all, B's pre-eminent need was to be housed in suitable accom-

In the second place, any doubt as to the correctness of that conclusion was dispelled when one brought into account the requirement of assumption of responsibili-

her mother could care for her, and the meeting of that need naturally and inevitably meant that IB would be indirectly benefited both

by the provision of joint accommo-dation and by B's regular contribu-

tion to the running of expenses of the joint household.

In his Lordship's judgment, how-ever, common sense led inclucta-bly to the conclusion that IS was

not dependent for the purposes of

In the first place the monetary contributions made by the Court of Protection on B's behalf to the pro-

to the running of the joint house-hold, being made in the exercise of the Court of Protection's statutory

power to provide for the mainte-nance of B could not property be

wards the reasonable needs of 1B.

the "reasonable needs" in respect of which the payments were made

were those not of IB but of B. The fact that they also had the effect of

conferring some indirect and inci-dental personal benefit on IB could

not serve to alter their character as

to turn them into a contribution

It was an indisputable fact that

section 1(1)(e) of the 1975 Act.

On the faces, it was impossible to infer that B, via the Court of Protection, assumed responsibility for the maintenance of IB for the purposes of section 3(4) of the 1975 Act. Although the Court of Protection had a power under section 95(1) of the 1983 Act to make provision for the maintenance of IB it never exercised that power.

Even if it had done so, his Lordship doubted if the inference could have been drawn that by doing so it had assumed responsibility for IB's maintenance.

After all, having once exercised that power by making regular payments for the maintenance of IB. the Court of Protection could at any time thereafter have ceased to make such payments, with the con-sequence that IB could not have counted on the maintenance pay-

ments continuing.

Moreover, it was questionable whether the power to maintain a patient's family empowered the Court of Protection to assume responsibility for the maintenance of that person.

Since IB on the undisputed facts could not bring herself within sec-tion 1(1)(e) of the 1975 Acr, the court had no jurisdiction to entertain a claim under section 2 of that Act. Accordingly, IB's application was bound to fail.

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right material to report current events and the extent to which it

was fair and reasonable in all the circumstances to make as exten-

the copyright material. The ques-tion was very much a question of

degree and one of fact and impres-

The first hurdle to be surmounted was to establish that the dealing

## Which course involves least risk of injustice?

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and Another Before Mr Richard McCombe, OC Lludgment December 161 -

When considering an application for a mandatory order on an inter-locutory basis, the overriding con-cern of the court was as to which course was likely to involve the least risk of injustice if it turned out to be wrong.

While the court should usually

feel a high degree of assurance that the applicant would be able to es-tablish his right at trial before mak-ing at mandatury order in his favour, making such an order at an interlocutory stage might be justi-fied in the absence of that high degree of assurance where the risk of injustice if the injunction was re-fused sufficiently outwelghed the risk of injustice if it was granted

Mr Richard McCombe, QC, sining as a deputy Chancery Division judge, so held allowing in part the application by motion of the plaintiff. Mr Oleg Nikitenko, for certain declarations as to his entitlement to december in the heads of ment to documents in the hands of the first defendant, Lebocuf Lamb Greene & Macrae, a firm of solicitors, as agents jointly alternatively jointly and severally for the plain-tiff and the second defendant, Mr Oleg Simonov, relating to the affairs of 18 companies ultimately owned by Mr Nikitenko and Mr Simonov, together with an order that the plaintiff be at liberty forthwith to inspect and take copies of those

Mr Richard Millett for the plain-tiff: Mr Clive Freedman for the first defendant, Mr Glen Davis for the second defendant.

HIS LORDSHIP said that since the summer of 1995 the plaintiff had been engaged in a joint venture, operated through a complex structure of companies in various jurisdictions worldwide, all ofowned by the plaintiff and second defendant, with the second defendant involving the management of a fleet of factory traviers operating in the exclusive economic zone of the Russian Far East, and the sale and marketing of fish products.

Within the plaintiff's evidence three particular groups of docu-ments emerged as important.

The first concerned Alden, a company against which Mr Ni-kisenko had brought a winding-up petition in the Grand Court of the Cayman Islands.

The second concerned proceedings in the Commercial Court be-tween two companies called DNHS Ltd and DNHS Seafoods AS on the one hand and three of the companies now in issue from the Nikitenko/Simonov empire and Mr Nikitenko and Mr Simonov personally on the other, re-garding a settlement agreement concluded in February 1998.

The plaintiff's primary conten-tion appeared to be not that the first defendant held relevant papers in connection with the DNHS litigation, but that the DNHS liti-gation added to the urgency with which the plaintiff needed to see all the papers in dispute inter partes.

The third category of documents concerned a company called Falk-land investments led, a Liberian company ultimately beneficially owned half by Mr Nikiuenko and Mr Simonov, which was engaged in substantial litigation in Russia. Korea and Singapore, in respect of which Falkland had instructed Lawrence Graham, solicitors, to co-ordinate the litigation from Lon-

an. A deed of assignment dated July 1, 1998 purported to assign the fruits of that litigation to Albatross Agencies Ltd., a company control-Agencies Lea, a company control-led by Mr Simonov, and the docu-ments sought were to establish whether Mr. Nikitenko had grounds on which to challenge the purported assignment.

The main authority on the avail-ability of maintanory orders on in-

terlocutory monons was the decision of the Court of Appeal in Zockoli Group Ltd v Mercury Commu-nications Ltd [1998] FSR 354), in which Lord Justice Phillips cited approvingly the four-step test pro-posed by Mr Justice Chadwick in Nottingham Building Society v Eu-rodynamic Systems Ltd [1993] FSR

Taking the affidavit evidence as a whole, his Lordship did not feel the high degree of assurance that the plaintiff's claim would succeed es to the whole range of documents now sought to such an extent that the opportunity to inspect those documents and then to defend the claims properly as he might be ad-

The evidence, even if it went only as to belief, of the solicitor who had been primarily involved in the matter to date was not to be lightly brushed aside on an interlocutory motion in the circumstanc-

es of this complicated case. Two potential injustices were to he weighed in the scale first that the plaintiff was allowed to see in mediately documents, that the mediately documents that the should not have been allowed to see at all; and second, that the plaintiff was prevented from see-ing now rather than later documents which he should in fact have been allowed to see immediately.

The hypothetical wrong to Mr Si-His Lordship was not convinced that the present state of the Cayman action called for the disclosure of the documents now as demanded, as the respondent had offered to consent to the winding up of Alden Ltd, the principal relief sought in the petition, which was ordered by the Cayman court following the hearing on Depember

Similarly in respect of the DNHS litigation there was no evi-dence of injustice to the plaintiff were he not to have sight of these papers now, or of the relevance of the papers sought to the DNHS liti-

By contrast the plaintiff had been able to point to a specific and imminent need to see the Falkland was unable to point to any counter-vailing prejudice that might be suffered by his client if the injunction

Despite not feeling the high degree of assurance that the plain-tiffs claim was likely to succeed. his Lordship was prepared to make a limited order to require those documents relating to Falkland to be produced to the plaintiff within a reasonable timescale, subject to a cross-undertaking in damages and an undertaking by the plaintiff not to use such documents otherwise than in relation to the Palkland hitigation without further leave of the court.

Solicitors: Stephenson Hard wood; Leboeuf Lamb Greene of Macrae: Holman Fenwick & Wil-

## fered serve damage at birth, both to her brain and her spine, B's father, PR, effectively left the Circulating press cuttings went beyond fair dealing

Newspaper Licensing Agen-cy Ltd v Marks and Spencer

Before Mr Justice Lightman [Judgment January 19] A daily programme of circulating and distributing cuttings of articles from newspapers went beyond re-porting current events within the meaning of the Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988 so as to give rise to the fair dealing defence af-forded by section 30(2) of that Act. Mr Justice Lightman so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division giving judgment for the Newspaper Licensing Agency Ltd in its claim that Marks and

Spencer plc had infringed its copy-right in typographical arrange-

Mr Kevin Garnett, QC, for the plaintiff; Mr Michael Silverleaf, QC and Mr Mark Vanhegan for

MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said that the plaintiff was the owner of copyright in the typographi-cal arrangement in a large number of national and regional newspa-

It sought to establish that the defendant infringed such copyright by making copies of cuttings from those newspapers and distributing such copies to its executives.

The defendant contended, inter alia, that such conduct did not constitute an infringement of the plain-tiff's copyright (i) because the copying was not of a substantial part of the copyright work and (ii) even if the copying was of a substantia part, because such copying consti-tuted fair dealing for the purposes of reporting current events within the meaning of section 30(2) of the

Sections Itc) and 8(i) of the 1988 Act provided that copyright subsisted in the typographical arrange-ments of published editions of a lit-

work and the typographical arrangement of each separate article was accordingly a copyright work.
His Lordship referred to Machinery Market Ltd v Sheen Publishing Ltd [1983] FSR 431] and

in the case of a newspaper made up of a number of different articles,

h separate article was a literary

held that a separate copyright subsisted in the typographical arrangethat therefore the copies made by the cuttings were copies of substantial parts of the works in which the plaintiff was entitled to copyright. Fair dealing
His Lordship set out a brief summary of the history of the fair deal-

## Need for legislation on duress defence

Regina v Abdul-Hussain Regina v Aboud Regina v Hasan Regina v Naji Regina v Muhssin Regina v Hoshan Before Lord Justice Rose, Mr Justice Rougier and Mr Justice John-

(Judgment December 17) There was an urgent need for legislation for precision in the defence of necessity arising as duress by threat or circumstances.

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so stated in a reserved judgment allowing appeals by Mustafa Shakir Abdul-Hussain.

Saheh Sherif Aboud, Hasan Saheh Abdul Hasan, Mohammed Chamekh Muhssin and Adnan Hoshan against convictions and prison sentences ranging from nine to five years imposed in November 1977 at the Central Criminal Court by Mr Justice Wright, after being found guilty of hijacking contrary to section I(I) of the Avia-

tion Security Act 1982 The appeal by Maged Mehdy Naji was dismissed.

Mr Michael Mansfield, QC, for Abdul-Hussein: Mr Michel Massih for Aboud and Hasan; Mr Alper Riza. QC. for Naji: Mr Laurence Kershen, QC and Mr Timothy Horean for Muhssin: Mr Alan

Newman, OC and Mr Michael Turner for Hoshan; all counsel assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellants were all Shia Muslims originating from Southern Iraq and were fugitives from the Saddam Hussein regime.

They came to live in Sudan and made several attempts to travel to Europe, without success, In August 1996, the appellants' passports were removed and as they feared deportation to Iraq, where they were certain of savage punishment and execution, they and members of their families boarded a Sudanese Airbus bound for Jordan and hijacked it en route.

His Lordship, when asked so consider if the defence of duress should have been put before the jury at the appellants' trial, said that the defence of duress by threat or circumstances was available to all offences except murder, attempted murder and treason as cited in R v Pommell (1995) 2 Cr App R 607) and the clearest authoritative guide to duress was found in R v Martin ((1989) 88 Cr App R 345). As that defence had developed

case by case, its scope was impre-

cise, thus the need for Parliament

to provide otherwise.

with the copyright work was part of an exercise of reporting current

The critical question was whether the defendant's daily programme of circulating and distributing cuttings fairly fell within the language of section 30(2). The cuttings went far beyond reporting current events. The course followed by the defendant did not

in copying the contings from the newspapers the defendant had infringed the copyright of the plaintiff in typographical arrangement and the plaintiff was entitled to re-

Solicitors: Herbert Smith: Mr

## Registering deceased's name

Practice Direction (Probate: ceased died in the United Kingdom and the death had been recorded in

In order to facilitate the operation of standing searches and caveats and to ensure the accuracy of probate records, Senior District Judge Gerald Angel, Family Division, issued the following Practice Direction on January 12:

In all instances where the de-

the Register of Deaths: ...

(a) The name and dates of birth and death of the deceased as re-corded in the register shall be included in the oath lodged in support of the application made through a solicitor or probate practitioner for a grant of representa(b) The pains and date of death of the deceased as recorded in the register shall be included in the notice lodged for a standing search or

(c) In any case where the name of the deceased or by which the de-ceased was known differed from that recorded in the register, that name shall also be included in the -oath or in the notice, as might be.

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## Reviewing medicine authority's decision

Upjohn Lid v Licensing Authority established by the Medicines Act 1968 and Oth-

Case C-120/97

Before J.-P. Puissochet, President of Chamber, and Judges J. C. Moilinho de Almeida, C. Gulmann, D. A. O. Edward and M. Wathelet

Advocate General P. Léger (Opinion June 9, 1998)

Judgment January 21] When carrying out a judicial relicensing authority to revoke an aumedicinal product on the market the national court's duty was not to facts, but merely to verify that the authority's decision was not vitiated by error or misuse of powers.

The Fifth Chamber of the Court of Justice of the European Commu-nities so held, inter alia, on a reference by the Court of Appeal for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EC Treaty on questions on the interpretation of Council Di-rective 65/65/EEC of January 26. 1965 on the approximation of provi-sions laid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to proprietary medicinal products (OJ, English Special Edition 1965-1966 p20) as amended by Council Directive 83/570/EEC of

October 26, 1983 (OJ 1983 L332 pl). Article II of Directive 65/65, as amended, required the competent authorities of the member states to suspend or revoke an authorisa tion to place a proprietary medici nal product on the market where, inter alia, the product proved harmful in the normal condition

Article 12 provides: "All decisions taken pursuant to [article 11] shall state in detail the reasons on which they are based. A decision shall be notified to the party concerned, who shall at the same time be informed of the remedies available to him under the laws in force and of the time limit allowed for the exer-cise of such remedies."

In the United Kingdom, the competers authority was the Licensing Authority established under the Medicines Act 1968, which delegated its regulatory functions to an ex-ecutive agency, the Medicines Control Agency.
Under section 107 of the Act, any

person concerned by, inter alia, a revocation decision could apply to the High Court contesting the va-

idity of the decision.

Triandam, a prescription drug for the treatment of insomnia which was first authorised in the United Kingdom in 1978, was also marketed under Upjohn's brand name Halcon In 1991, the MCA, having learned from a newspaper article that a middle-aged woman had

killed her mother while under the influence of Triazulam, and after

consulting the Committee for the Safety of Medicines, informed Up-

had decided to suspend the marketing authorisations for three months. The suspension was renewed at three-monthly intervals until June 1993 when, after representations by Upjohn had been heard, all marketing authorisa-tions relating to Triazolam were revoked in a decision in which de-

tailed reasons were given. In 1991 the matter of Triazolam was referred, by France and The Netherlands, to the Committee for Proprietary Medicinal Products, a body consisting of representatives of the member states and the Com-mission of the European Commuand Council Directive 75/319/EEC of May 20, 1975 on the approximation of provisions haid down by law, regulation or administrative action relating to proprietary me-dicinal products (OJ 1975 L147 p13). as amended by Directive 83/570.

ed that Triazolam should continue to be sold. In proceedings brought in August 1993 for the quashing of the Licensing Authority's decision in June, the High Court rejected Upsubstance of the case was examce should be sought from the Court of Justice of the European Communities on how the court should proceed, but on anpeal the Court of Appeal stayed the proceedings and referred three questions for preliminary ruling.

In September 1993 the CPMC, af-

ter various deliberations, conclud-

In its judgment the Fifth Cham-ber of the Court of Justice held: The first question referred was whether it was the duty of a national court, when reviewing a decision by a licensing authority to revoke a licence, so determine whether or not the decision was the correct decision, as opposed to a decision which the licensing authority could reasonably have reached on the

Within the framework of rules governing proprietary medicinal products laid down by Community legislation, only article 12 of Directive 65/65 referred to the remedies available against decisions taken. pursuant to article II of the direc-

Article 12 merely required the

member states to provide for such decisions to be open to challenge by way of legal proceedings, and did not lay down detailed rules for the exercise of the right of recourse. Upjohn maintained that if the national court were not able fully nistrative authority, the rights oved by Upjohn by virtue of the enjoyed by Upjohn by virtue of the direct effect of article 11 of Directive

65/65, as amended, would not be effectively safeguarded It was settled law that in the ab-sence of Community rules governing the matter it was for the domestic legal system of each member state to designate the courts and tri-bunals having jurisdiction and to lay down the detailed procedural rules governing actions for safe-guarding rights which individuals derived from Community law, provided that such rules were not less favourable than those gover similar domestic actions and did not render virtually impossible or excessively difficult the exercise of rights conferred by Community

In regard to decisions revoking marketing authorisations taken by the competent national authorities it did not appear that the only appropriate means of preventing the exercise of rights conferred by Community law from being rendered virtually impossible or excessively difficult would be a review procedure involving the substitution by the courts of their own assessment of the facts, and in particular the scientific evidence relied on in support of the revocation decision, for the assessment made by

Where a Community authority was called on, in the performance of its duties, to make complex assessments, it enjoyed a wide meas-ure of discretion, the exercise of which was subject to a limited judicial review in the course of which the Community judicature could not substitute its assessment of the facts for the authority's assessment. -

In such cases, the Community judicature restricted itself to examin-ing the accuracy of the findings of fact and law made by the aut concerned and to verifying, in particular, that the action taken by the authority was not vitiated by a ers and that it did not clearly ex-ceed the bounds of its discretion.

Community law did not require the member states to establish a procedure for judicial review of national decisions revoking marketing authorisations, taken pursuant to Directive 65/65 and in the exercise of complex assessments, which than that carried out by the Court

In relation to the second question referred, a system of judicial review whereby the national courts were to determine applications for to determine applications for Invent of decisions revoking marketing authorisations without taking into account relevant scientific material coming to light after the adoption of the contested decithe adoption of the cor sion, was not such as to render virtually impossible or excessively dif-ficult the exercise of the rights con-

ferred by the directive. In the event of new material coming to light following a revocation decision, the person concerned would still be able to make a fresh application for a marketing authorisation.

It would then be for the authority to assess, in the light of all the inthe criteria for the grant of a fresh marketing authorisation were ful-

was known that the CPMP provid soon produce an opinion as to con-

By article II of Directive 75/319. as amended, where one or more member states had suspended a marketing authorisation while one or more others had not dene so, one of the states concerned could re-fer the matter to the CPMP for apto in article 14 of that directive. Article 14-provided, inter-aly

that the CPMP was to consider the matter and issue a reasoned iminion within 60 days of the date on which the matter was referred to it.
It was unnecessary to rule on whether a national authority was empowered to order the revocation

of a marketing authorisation with in the 60 days; as it was clear that such an authority was not precluded from revoking an authorisation where the CPMP had not pro-duced its opinion within that time limit the CPMP's opinion was in no way binding.

Moreover, since the issue was one of public health, article 14 could not be construed as requiring member states-to await the

not that could prove to be harmful to public health, the protection of which constituted the primary ob-jective of Directive 65/65. On those grounds the European

CPMPs opinion, even after the period of 60 days allowed for its production had expired, before degree ing to withdraw a medicinal production to the route of the control of

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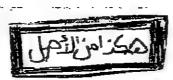
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Court ruled: Directive 65/65 and, more generally. Community law did, not require the incenber states to establish a procedure for judicial review of national decisions revoking authorisations to market proprietary medicinal products, empowering the competent national courts and tribunals to substitute their assess-ment of the facts and in particular, of the scientific evidence relied on in support of the revocation decision, for the assessment made by the national authorities competent to revoke such authorisations. 2 Community law did not require a harional court of tribunal which was seised of an application for an imbrient of a decision revoking a marketing authorisation for a particular proprietary medicinal p uct to take into account, when deter-

light after the adoption of that deci-3 Directives 65/65 and 75/319 as amended by Directive 83/570 were to be construed as meaning that, where the matter had been referred by various member states to deirect by various member states to the Committee for Proprietary Medicianal. Products following the adoption by the competent national and order of a decision revoking a marketing authorisation and the time limit for the issue by that committee of its ordinant had accommittee or its o ame ima for the passed by their com-minute of its opinion had expired, those directives did not preclude their sunfority from deciding to re-The third question was whether it was lawful for the Licensing Authority to revoke the license when it opinion of the CPMC.

mining that application, any rele-



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## RACING: HANDICAPPERS CONFIRM IMPRESSION MADE BY CHAMPION HURDLER Istabraq awarded top mark

BY RICHARD EVANS BACING CORRESPONDENT

FIER the superlatives, the recognition of greatness. As of-ficial laundicappers on both ides of the Irish Sea yesterday ast their slide rules over Isia trace strawing weekend victopanimous in declaring him he best champion hurdler of he modern era — and one of

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RICHARD EVANS



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(4-Y-D: £2,819: 2m 2f 110yd) (8 runners)

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2.50 Effectual

GOING: SOFT



Istabraq is considered superior to Monksfield and Dawn Run among Irish-trained hurdlers

3.20 WICKHAM NOVICES HURDLE

(£2,425: 2m 2f 110yd) (12 runners)

I thought Istabraq was hugely impressive on Sun-day," he said. "The race went according to script with the top two putting quite a bit of distance between themselves and Zafarabad, probably the best four-year-old of his generation, and Theatreworld, twice

THUNDERER

3.20 Enipeus 3.50 Satcotino

TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

DETT ME: 6-4 Sadier's Secret, 5-1 Robocard, 11-2 The Robo, 8-1 Ayers, 8-1 Eard Ol Love, Propertyle, 26-1 others.

4.20 Stormhill Stag

runner-up in the Champion Hurdle. "French Holly probably gave one of his best perform-ances and until the third last looked an outstanding horse in his own right. I thought Ista-braq's hurdling was superb. He toyed with them."

In the same way that older generations of racegoers love to recall witnessing the ex-ploits of Arkle and other greats of the past. O'Brien said Sunday was a special day "looking at a horse which in years to come people will say was one of the best hurdlers of

when history is being made." O'Brien's only slight reservation concerns the quality of opposition among the upper ranks of hurdlers in Ireland and England. "It would ap-pear that Istabraq is a truly constanding champion but in a time when perhaps those in opposition to him would be ss than champions.

all time. It is nice to be there

He's head and shoulders above everything in Ireland and with French Holly jointtop rated in England, he is probably quite a way ahead of anything there, but I would have a slight doubt about the overall competitiveness. If you go back to Sea Pigeon and Monksfield, who came just after Night Nurse, Comedy Of Errors and Lanzarote, there was a lot of cut and thrust. At the moment there is only one horse at the top of the tree."

With Aidan O'Brien promising that Istabraq will be even sharper come Cheltenham, the Smurfit Champion Hurdle is fast taking on the appearance of a one-horse race — unlike two other Festival contests for which entries were re-

leased yesterday. Novice chases are risky undertakings at the best of times, but the chance of an upset is of-ten magnified at Cheltenham, where all races tend to be run a stride faster than elsewhere.

The Guinness Arkle Chase, run over two miles on the Tuesday of the three-day meeting, has attracted 58 entries - including 17 from Ireland while the Royal & SunAlliance Chase, staged over an extend-ed three miles on the following day, has 88 entries, with ten of those submitted by Martin

William Hill bets on the Royal & SunAlliance Chase: 5-1 Nick Dundee, Unsinkable Boxer, 7-1 Majadou, 10-1 Kadou Nonantais, Lord Of The River, 11-1 Spendid, 12-1 Gris D'Estru-

Lingfield

to inspect

THERE will be an inspection

at 10am today to determine prospects for tomorrow's Na-

tional Hunt meeting at Ling-

field. Fergus Cameron, the

clerk of the course, said: "We

have had 3mm of rain since Samrday and it's very wet.

night with some rogue show

ers, which is more favourable

"The forecast is for a dry

## LECESTER

THUNDERER 1.40 Fortria Rosie Dawn. 2.10 King's Banker. 2.40 Sister Rosza, 3.10 Reach The Clouds, 3.40 Cherrymore. 4.10 CELTIC SEASON (nap).

GORNG: GOOD TO SOFT

1.40 STONESBY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (52,310; 2m 1) (5 runners)

1 44P1 POLLOW DE CALL 24 (D.G.S) D McCain 9-11-10 2 1-10 FIGHTRA ROSE DANN 47 Mas V (Riberts 9-11-9 S Kelly (5) 64 3 12-0 PROHING TREES 12 (V.D.F) Mas V (Mains 9-11-9 S Kelly (5) 64 4 07-25 SAMDRET 19 (V) LES A Suide 10-10-7 ... C (Levelly 150 5) 04/2 REMORET STAR 25 A D Snoth 6-10-6 ... 6 Supple (5) 34 13-8 Patow De Cali, 2-7 Persia Roser Davis, 9-2 Esphing Times, 8-1 Sandral, Re-mencie, San.

2.10 BROOK HAIDEN CHASE (£2,213: 2m 71 110yd) (9)

1 32-2 EVER RIESED 76 (BF.S) Mrs. J Perman 7-11-5 - B Penton (BBR)
2 -000 MERGAL MOST 18 Mrs. Å Supert 7-11-6 - Gary Lyons - 3 -924 (DOTTSM BARD 17 (6) N Gaseker 7-11-6 - C Dewestyn 63 397- KORS'S RANGER 288 (BF.S) N Headerson 8-13-6 M A Ricgiand 6 1-96 PLOTE AR 24 Lts. C Golde 7-11-6 - N M Kalpinsky (7) - 6 1-96 RASSISKIN 25 (5) G Balging 6-11-6 - S Roc 7-24 25 (EP.B.C COLRECT 52 (BF.) Descript 7-11-6 - J Supple 7-12 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) Descript 7-11-6 - J Supple 7-12 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) Descript 7-11-6 - J Supple 7-12 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) Descript 7-11-6 - J Bellemy 43 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) Descript 7-11-6 - J R. Bellemy 43 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) Descript 7-11-6 - J R. Bellemy 43 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) Descript 7-11-6 - J R. Bellemy 43 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) Descript 7-11-6 - J R. Bellemy 43 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) Descript 7-11-6 - J R. Bellemy 43 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) Descript 7-11-6 - J R. Bellemy 43 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) Descript 7-11-6 - J R. Bellemy 43 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) Descript 7-11-6 - J R. Bellemy 44 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) Descript 7-11-6 - J R. Bellemy 45 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) Descript 7-11-6 - J R. Bellemy 45 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) Descript 7-11-6 - J R. Bellemy 45 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) Descript 7-11-6 - J R. Bellemy 45 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) DESCRIPT 7-11-6 - J R. Bellemy 45 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) DESCRIPT 7-11-6 - J R. Bellemy 45 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) DESCRIPT 7-11-6 - J R. Bellemy 45 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) DESCRIPT 7-11-6 - J R. Bellemy 45 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) DESCRIPT 7-11-6 - J R. Bellemy 45 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) DESCRIPT 7-11-6 - J R. Bellemy 45 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) DESCRIPT 7-11-6 - J R. Bellemy 45 (BF.) DESCRIPT 7-11-6 - J R. Bellemy 45 (BR.S. COLRECT 52 (BF.) DESCRIPT 7-11-6 - J R. Bellemy 45 (BF.) DESCRIPT 7-11-10 ding's Summ, 2-1 Eng: Siessed, 6-1 Norbeh Bard, 10-1 Roffes Courter, 16-1 Rizhisko 20-1 Tile histori Pinetoni, 50-1 Norbeh Wige, Pure Av. Tigar Paes.

2.40 RABBIT HANDICAP CHASE

[£3\_262: 2m 7f 110yd) (13)

1 -3F3 SSTER ROSZA 31 (5) Mrs 5 Lamyroza 11-11-11

2 -21P JOHN DRILLEN 18 F.E.S. P.R Nables 8-11-3 \_\_R Gardby 102

3 -3F0 NOOLS ERRAND 18 (V.F.G.S) B Belting 9-11-5 \_\_S Fox 43

4 5444 RAPIACE LAD 40 (F.S.S) N Techn-Gardes 18-11 \_\_R Supple 104

R Tourison 141 (F.S.) J Tymes 8-11-3 \_\_\_R R Supple 104 3 - SPU PARLE LED 40 (F.S.) IN Tercent-ventor.

5 449 RAPJACK LED 40 (F.S.) Turrer 8-11-3 ... R Supple 109

5 4216 ROLD ACTION 41 (F.S.) in Doos 9-10-12 ... R Thorreon 103

7 457 IMMUTES 61.53 in Doos 9-10-12 ... R Thorreon 103

7 457 IMMUTES 61.53 in Doos 9-10-12 ... R Thorreon 103

8 4157 TREES ARTIS 41 (B.S.) in Doy 10-10-8 ... R Magnete 98

9 4157 TREES ARTIS 41 (B.S.) in Doy 10-10-8 ... R Magnete 98

10 - ODE PROFE 681.31 (M.F.S.) in Doy 10-10-8 ... R Magnete 98

11 - P.33 SPACE CAPPA 25 (B.S.) LIES V Stephens 11-10-10

11 P.33 SPACE CAPPA 25 (B.S.) LIES V Stephens 11-10-10

Care Vision 100

Care Vision 10 9-4 Scraffy, 6-1 Bood Astron. 7-1 Tremodill, 19-1 Scient Rocca, Pappinck Lad, Marmod Space Chops., 12-1 offers

3.10 DANIEL LAMBERT HANDICAP CHASE (£2,768: 2m 1f) (6)

1 1511 PLAY GAMES 27 (CD.F.G.S.) R Lot 11-11-12 A Magnin 180 2 514) CENTAUR ENFRESS 24 (BF.D.G.S.) A Strater 7-11-4 M A Fizzgrand 118 2 2324 MACHAL NO 187 Econo 6-10-12 C December 100 a p-13 Resolving Clubins 42 or 1.68.3 J Disco 7-10-1 Septim 1822 5 5522 ASTRAIL REVISION 24 (G.D.E.S.) T New 3-10-0 C Berry Lot 0 6 0150 EBEN AL HARRES 41 [D.S.] D McCain 6-10-0 S Wymn 67

3.40 DICK CHRISTIAN MOVICES CHASE (£3,948: 2m 4f 110yd) (4)

1 B-SU KING ON THE RUN 15 (RF,D,F,G,S) D Nicholson 6-11-10 1-2 Malescrip. 4-1 King Din The Ren, 11-2 Cherrymore, 12-1 Candiac Arrest.

4.70 CROXTON PARK HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,427: 2m 4i 110yo) (7)

1 8-2F CRETIC SEASON OB MASS H Anapht 7-11-12 \_\_\_\_\_ J Cullety 94 2 8225 JASTON'S BOY 17 (B.D.F.G.S.) J Bootley 9-11-6 M A Programa 23 MASP REESHLOCH B (S.) A Turnell 10-11-5 \_\_\_\_\_\_ R Earnity 74 SSAFT TURN PANCH 18 (E.) 6 Battony 10-11-1 \_\_\_\_\_\_ R Fernion 96 5 3229 HELLO ME MAN 22 (D.F.G.S.) B Linearity 11-10-13 6 4233 LYPHARD'S FABLE 11 (D.S) T George 8-10-1 .... S Wyrano 7 4003 SENSE OF VALUE 18 (B.F.S) J Smith 10-10-0 ... W Marston

**COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

JOCKEYS: 6 Supply, 3 winees from 6 rices, 37.5%, J Culloy, 4 loan 18, 22.2%, M Ragozád, 10 loco 47, 21.3%, A Migure, 8 loan 47, 17.0%, C Unacilys, 5 from 53, 15.2%, Only qualities.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lingfield Park: 1.30 Hill Storm. 2.00 Hevergoti Princess. 3.00 Incepta. Fontwell Park: 3.20 Enipsus. Leicester: 4.10 Jason's Boy.

#### LINGSEDFARK

THUNDERER 1.30 Baajil. £00 Harpoon Louie. £30 Miss Hit. 3.00 Hyde Park. 3.30 An Executive Do. 4.00 Sharp Phythm.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.30 SULKY MAIDEN STAKES (£3,623; 1m 2f) (8 numers)

SIS

6-4 Western Command, 7-2 Zola, 4-1 Homas, 8-1 Absolute Majordy, Baja, 16-Hill Storm, 20-7 in Good Order, 33-1 Albumbil

2.00 dog cart claiming stakes

(£2,671: 1m) (11) 10 D4-4 HARPOON LOUSE 21 (CD.F.G) A Vandermoghen i 11 0-00 HEVERGOLF PRINCESS 5 (B.C) T Noughton 4-8-4 R Winston (A) 5

2.30 ARENA ON LINE SERVICES (SHOWCASE

HANDICAP) (£3,606: 51) (7) 4-5 Septemed Rock, 4-1 Tear White, 5-1 Miss Hil, 6-1 Leading, Seasons, 16-1 Sect 19 Day Days, 20-1 Ivory's Good Hing

**3.00** hansom stakes (£2,583: 71) (5)

5-4 Tabbild, 5-2 Alig Dancor, 7-2 Hyde Park, 13-2 Incepts, 12-1 L'Estable Fleur A

3.30 SHLKS SUITE HANDICAP (TOTE TRIFECTA RACE) (3-Y-0: £2,671: 1m 2l) (11)

1 GB-2 ROLLING RIO 21 P Hecken 9-7
2 41-5 AN EXERCITIVE DO 25 GS P Hecken 9-8
3 01-4 GLESTIDARY 64 CS M Chemon 9-4
4 05-2 TRAGEC DANCER 18 K INCARRO 9-3
5 25-5 PRINCE CONSORT 14 5 C WRIGHTS 9-3
5 25-5 PRINCE CONSORT 14 5 C WRIGHTS 9-1
7 04-3 REDE COSSMONAUT 17 A Newsparing 6-10
7 04-3 REDE COSSMONAUT 17 A Newsparing 6-10
8 650-5 SWING JOB 87 MINE 9-7
9 -324 MALCHK 2 55 P Howking 8-5
9 -324 MALCHK 2 55 P Howking 8-5
10 DO-5 SUPERBOOD 7 WWKENS 7-10
11 56-4 SAMPSON'S DOMAM 15 J 5 Maco 7-10 7-2 Roding Rio, 5-1 Tragie Dencer, Malchia, 6-1 Durstoury, 7-1 An Exactive D Bebe Cosmoteul, 8-1 Prince Cocsori, 14-1 others.

**4.00** PHAETON HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £2,029: 61) (10)

8 D-05 DIAMOND GEEZER 7 (S) R Harmon R-5 ... P Rostmont 7/7 D-04-2 COMPLIMENTARY 11 (8) W Happes R-2 ... J Tail 5 54-5 SHARP RHYTTM 20 M Johnson 8-2 ... Decian 0'58-8 D-05 - SLU WING 133 T Coment 7-11 ... Decian 0'58-8 D-06 - SLU WING 133 T Coment 7-11 ... Decian 0'58-8 D-06 - SLU SIAN VELVET 6 M Oxim 7-10 ... J Quint 3-1 Estevala, 4-1 Reference, 5-1 Complementary, 7-1 Dieser On Me. Oh I Say, 8-1 Rem peoplem Breezi, Deserve Greener, 10-1 orbert

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAMERS: P Hasian, 23 warners from 113 romans, 20.4%, 0 Michaels, 11 from 54, 20.4%; M Piascott, 18 from 97, 18.6%; D Chapman, 18 from 194, 17.7%, M Johnston, 46 from 259, 17.1%; P Burgoyne, 5 from 42, 14.5%, DOCKEYS; L Custer, 3 Michaels from 500, 17.1%; P Burgoyne, 5 from 42, 14.6%; DOCKEYS; L Custer, 3 Michaels from 500, 17.0%; D Lowelset, 15 from 89, 17.0%; P Fredericks, 7 from 42, 16.7%; R Cochrane, 53 from 332, 16.0%; J Familing, 7 from 46, 15.2%; A Cultivari, 15 from 104, 14.4%.

KEENE on CHESS

20 Qd2 21 Qxa5 22 Rb1

28 29 30 31 Qb4 a5 Ke2

32

32 8000 33 Qs4 34 Ne3 35 Kxe3 36 Qs5 37 Ke2 38 Rc2 39 Rd2

40 Rxd4 41 Qxx6 42 K/1 43 Kg2 44 Kh3 45 Kh4

Wijk aan Zee Blitz Tournament 1999

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zies, problems and games direct by email. The address is Keenechessis

act.com. The best contributions will be published either here or in the Satur

Kxf1 NEZ NEZ Rdl

Nxtd5 Nxe3

Rdc7 e6 h5 Bd4

R8c7 Ne6 b5 Rxb6

Kg7 Bxe3 Nc5 Rb3+

exd4 Re3+ Rb1+

Rb2+

By RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

On their free day at the Wijk 23 K aan Zee, the i grandmasters 24 tontested a one-day blitz, in 25 which every game had to be 27 28

Kasparov dominated the event

winning by a 114-point margin and deleating both his closest

86 Bh6 Bg7 Nf6 0-0 Bg4 Nd7 Rc8

Qe5 Bxe2

Nc5

White: R Kasimdzhanov

Black: G Kasparov Wijk aan Zee

3 d4 4 Qwd4 5 c4 6 Qd2 7 Nc3 8 Qc2 9 Be3 10 Be2 11 D-0 12 Rad1 13 23 14 a4 15 Nd4

16 Nobe2

I Kasparov 2 Arcand 3 Ivanchuk 4 Kramnik 5 Sokolov 6 Svidler 7 Topalov 8 Kasimozhanov

8 Kasimoznano 9 Piker 10 Bosboom 11 Timman 12 Van Wely 13 Reinderman 14 Yermolinsky

Blitz tournament 1999 Sicilian defence

# BETTINE: 5-2 Expens, Arbeign De Son, 4-1 High Genn, 5-1 Brandon Court, 8-1 Misc

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3.50 AMBERLEY HOVICES HANDICAP CHASE

BETTHER 9-4 Not Lundor, 9-2 Parada Rusar, 6-1 Luitain Costaga, 7-1 Accepter Chancon, 6-1 Salcotina, Dissancia Country, 10-3 Persona Dissancing, 12-1 others

Panelle Racer 321 4th of 6 to Dumper Pyres in novice chase at Townseller (2m 6, and). Root lander beg Baroccell 25th in 8-curse franchise places at Hamiltonian Gran, sold; previously best Option Spot first 8-curse million in classe at Hamiltonian Gran, sold; previously best Option Spot first 8-curse million in classe at Hamiltonian Gran 25 4th of 12 to Total July in Intellicip Class at Phampion Gran 11 10th, bearly, Forever Dreaming beaters a discusse Antion 6 to Draw Bette in novice chase at Phampion Gran 12 to Senger to anomal beaters of States 13 to 12 to Senger to anomal beaters of States 13 to 12 to Senger to anomal beaters of States 13 to 12 to Senger to anomal beaters of States 13 to 12 to Senger to anomal beater of States 13 to 13 to burse of the States 13 to 13 to 13 to 13 to 14 to 14

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4.20 GOSPORT CONDITIONAL JUCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE

Long bandinay: Plate Maid 9-11, Flack Spring 9-10. Swappier's Point 6-8. Michor Generacity 9-6, Michay 9-9. BETTURE: 9-2 Starouthill Stag. 5-1 Paid Maid, 6-1 Scottle May. Scatters, 13-2 Alexa Scat II, 8-1 Top Moss, 40-1 Duckstrap, Black Spring, 12-1 offers.

2.30 (8) 1. Baptismal Rock (J. Ochru. 9-2 §-tev); 2. Ochsr (9-2 §-tev), 3. Akaz (20-1); 4. Dahloha (7-1), 16 sen. Shind, 51. A Nesscombe, Toste 85, 10; 61-90, 61-90, 63,40, 61-20, 07: 61-4,80. Tota Trilladd: 61,612,60,005

\$.00 (8) 1, Elton Ludger (8 Price, 5-2 fev), 2, Garnock Valley (5-1); 3, Most Respectful (13-2), 15 par, 5h ho, PL Mrs N Macaulay, Tolet (22-90); 51:20, 52:20, 52:20, 52:20, 52:30 DF: 211:20, CSF: £14:36.

2280 DF-21122 USF 21438
329 (Im 37) 1, Dick Turpin (P Dobbe,
15-1); 2, King Pitem (r-2); 3, Ambiden-rous (14-1), Such Boldness (5th) 5-4 lbs.
14 sin. 14; 3s. Brent. Tote 22:180,
24.70, 21.70, 22.80, DF: 926.80, CSF-359.40, Titoset 8784.21.
Jackpott not wan (pool of £3,978.22: carried forward to Fonbred Park today).
Pleasanct: 128 8n.

Piacepot: 129.80.

Quadpot: \$23.00.

3.45 (2m hole) 1, Samakeen (N Willamson, 10-11 fev); 2. Chief Werdence (6-1); -3, Rabus (6-1); 9 cm. 24, 24; Mass Vene-ta Williams, Toes: \$1.70; 21.10, 22.00; 92.10, DF: £7.60, CSF: \$8.35.

1.00 (1m 40, 1, No Stoce No News (A Culture, 14-1); 2, Lucky Touch (4-7 fav); 3, Appeto (14-1), 8 ran, NF: Blue Hop-per, 4, 3-4, M Buckky, Tota: 28 10, 51, 70, 21.00; 23.00, DF: 25.40, CSF: £19.85.

2130 (1m) 1, Lady Pappiert (5 Drowns, 9-1); 2, Uffa Cato (7-2); 3, Cyro (2-1 isy), 9-ran, Nk, hd. J Moore, Tote, £3.50; £2.70, £1.70, £1.70, £1.70, £1.50; £2.735

2.00 (1m) 1, Chireberry (D Memech, 12-1), 2, Odosne (10-1), 3, Miss Ali Alone (2-1 lay), 13 ran, Hd, 1<sup>st</sup>d, M British, Total

Plantapot: £50:50.

Gundpot (21,2)

Southwell Going: standard

2.16 cm 4/ 110/c hole) 1. Provided Profile (C Liewelyn, 8-3; 2, Masser Pf-grin (8-4 fay); 3, Carbury Cross (7-2), 11 en. 101, dist. N Twiston-Davies. Tota: 23.50; 21.40, 21.10, 21.30. DF: \$4.20. CSF: 25.54.

2.48 (3m tf ct) 1, latent Chief (R Supple, 5-1); 2. Share Options (6-1); 3, Neugray Future (5-1), Flar Top (4th) 9-4 (sw. 7 ten. 24, 7, P. Beaumont, Tote, 24, 77; £2.50, £3.30, DF: £15.40, CSF: £27.46.

227.48.
2.16 (3m 1( hole) 1, Biztotale (W Dowling, 5-1); 2, Workpostalothut (8-1); 3, For Cethal (8-1); The Biggswick (90; 50); 6-4 tav. 7 ran. 121, 91, 1 Lungo, 7cts; 24.80; 52.00, 24.60. DF; 233.50, CSF; 235.91.

#### than we had expected. It looks as if we could be all right but there's a long way to go."

# SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT You hold the following hand as South, the dealer.

4- VAKQ10985 OK 4AKJ105 What would be your plan in the bidding?

Love All **IMPs** Dealer South **▲ QJ105** ♦ A7542 4872 4 A976 ▲ KB432 7762 0 4953 0 0108 +04

♥ AKQ10985

In the qualifying stage of the Rosenblum World Teams (played in Lille in August), Alan Mould of Manchester chose to open Four No-Trumps. This is an ancient Acol convention asking partper to name an ace. It is far from technically correct on this hand: the hearts are not even solid, let alone the clubs. But it did simplify the remaining auction. When North (Michael Alexander) responded Five Diamonds to show that are, Mould had a The national men's and puni ai Seven Hearis.

How would you play it on a trump lead? The technical line is to win with dummy's jack and finesse a club imme-diately, reserving the ace of diamonds as a later entry to repeat the finesse, picking up queen to four onside. Mould preferred to exploit his concealment of the club

suit in the auction. He ran off the entire heart suit and was interested to see East discard a small club.

Deciding that this could hardly be from queen-to-four, Mould played off his top clubs dropping the queen offside to land his grand slam. It must be said that a top-class defender would realise that declarer was likely to have a two-suiter for his Four No-Trump bid, and the second suit could only be

Coventry pairs

women's pairs championships were played in Coventry at the weekend. Results: Men: 1, D Oram

(Heris) and T Waterflow (Middx): 2. M Starkings and N Stevens (Leics); 3, I Pagan (Middx) and H Anoyrkatis (Beds). Women: 1, C Vine and M Nathan (Middx); 2, R Trayman (Essex) and I Godfrey (Middx): 3. S Lands (Sussex) and A Walker (Oxon)

#### WORD-WATCHING

COCKING PIECE

a. A shotgun b. Building board c. A jockstrap

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LANGE LYZEN a. Painted ladies b. Winter undernants c Lounge lizards

By Philip Howard

HAOMA a. Personal perfume b. Midsummer sunrise c. A sucred plant

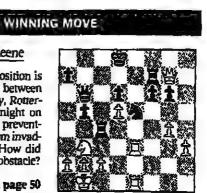
HALTIA

a. A winter shrub b. Guardian spirit c. Lameness Answers on page 50

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game between Motjelev and Jirovsky, Rotterdam, 1998. Black's knight on e5 is doing a fine job preventing the white rooks from invading along the e-file. How did White overcome this obstacle?

- Solution on page 50



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# Aston Villa victory opens six-point gap at the top

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The player list (right) has been updated to include last Monday's game between Aston Villa and Everton, As a result of Villa's 3-0 win, positions on our leaderboard have altered, with Robert Little's team, Broken Arrow, extending its lead over Phil Clarke's Shabadi United from a single point to an impressive six.

Note that the Villa victory, which included two goals (worth six points) for Julian Joachim, and three-point clean sheets for goalkeeper Michael Oakes and defenders Gareth Barry, Ugo Ehiogu and Gareth Southgate, will not count towards the next weekly prize; the weekly winner announced on these pages in a week's time will be decided solely on the points scored in games played on Saturday January 30 and Sunday

Nevertheless, the points scored in that game could be decisive in the race for the monthly prize of £1,000 plus £100-worth of sports equipment, the January winner of which will be announced next week.

Any team including two-goal Julian Joachim as well as Steve Watson (who provided an assist for the third goal) and Paul Merson (who scored it) will have done well. On the other hand, Michael Ball, the Everton full-back who appears in many of the leading Fantasy teams, scored minus two as a result of

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Next weekend, for once, a full programme of ten Premiership matches will be completed on Saturday and Sunday, and there are some promising fixtures.

The first to catch the eye is the visit of Chelsea to Highbury, where Gianhica Vialli's team, shorn of much of its striking power, must try to breach the division's most impregnable detence to guarantee a further week at the top of the table. Villa, behind them only on goal difference, face a tricky trip to Newcastle, who will be smarting at allowing Charlton Athletic a last-gasp equaliser in their previous match, and Manchester United go to The Valley, where the home side will believe that the end of their eight-match losing streak represents the turning point of their season. Unfortunately, they will have to prove it against a team that scored six times in their previous game at

Elsewhere, Darren Huckerby, the in-form striker, will be out to see whether Liverpool's recent defensive improvement is real or imaginary, and expect a tight, low scoring encounter between Wimbledon and West Ham at Selhurst Park. Why? For the simple reason that, when they met at Upton Park, the Hammers squandered a three-goal lead, losing 4-3. Harry Redknapp, the manager, will be doing his utmost to ensure that there is no reneat of that defensive catastrop

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# Powerful Spadea pulls the strokes to outwit Agassi

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN MELBOURNE

IT WAS as poor a performance as any that Andre Agassi has contrived in a decade of largely golden memories. The player he dismissed as a "jour-neyman" ten months ago shattered any lasting illusions that Agassi still has the substance

to win a grand-slam title.

Agassi is unlikely to find so attractive an opportunity as at this Australian Open. A route once littered with barriers has parted like the Red Sea and yet Agassi has been found wanting. That knowledge will make Agassi's defeat one of the hardest he has had to bear.

Vince Spadea, whose nerve held firm when Agassi briefly threatened to indulge in mesmanship, was Agassi's first opponent to be ranked in the world's top 50. Agassi appeared impressive when roughing up interiors in the early rounds, but he collapsed when matched, blow for blow, in this fourth-round tussle.

It was apparent last year that Agassi's eight-month absence had diluted the fizz from his game. He attributed his poor grand-slam record in 1998 to his fervent pursuit of a world ranking commensurate with his talent. This time, he

came here fresh and supposed. dividend. He has never previly primed for the fight. He showed little of that in succumbing to Spadea, whose own attitude was faultiess in a match rendered monotonous by do or die hitting.

The comments Agassi made about Spadea, back in March, clearly rankled his fellow-American. So much so that Agassi, seeded No 5, has lost two subsequent encounters between the pair. Mind you. Spadea looked more like the vanquished when he related his tale of victory.

His slumped posture hardly squared with one who, in his own words, has just achieved his biggest accomplishment to date. Well, I didn't end world hunger or anything extrava-gant like that," he said. What Spadea, the world No 44, may have done is to find a balance within his personal arrangements. His father, Vincent, has taken too paternal an interest in his career. Indeed, Agassi had also ventured that Spadea, 24, could scale the heights if he loosened his

father's overbearing embrace. Spadea made that break towards the end of last year and has reaped an immediate

RESULTS

So much so that Agassi appeared uninterested when padea served for the match. He made no effort to run down the last two points, and was humbled 6-1, 7-5, 6-7, 6-3 in 2hrs 40 mins. A count of 71 unforced errors told its own story about the paucity of Agassi's performance.
Spadea confronts Haas

ously advanced beyond the

fourth round of any grand

slam; now he plays the unseed-

ed Tommy Haas, of Germany, for a semi-final place.

Agassi opened the match as

though affronted by Spadea's

presence on the same court. He flailed wildly off both

wings, racking up an error-count of suicidal proportions.

"When I get a little discouraged, a lot of things start

breaking down," he said with

There was more to it than

that. Whenever Spadea struck

a clean ground stroke - and

he struck several - Agassi attempted to strike back even

harder. It was little wonder

that a host of pulped balls

were tossed, at regular inter-

"He is used to dictating the

around." Spadea reflected of his opponent. "but I am capa-ble of hitting the ball as big as him." He also read Agass's

intent, often anticipating the direction of shot before Agassi

had even swung his racket in

vals, to the scrapheap.

rare understatement.

MIXED DOUBLES after the latter brushed aside Fabrice Santoro, of France, 6-2, 6-2, 7-5. Like Spadea, Haas, 20, is enjoying his most profitable grand-slam run on his second visit here. Unlike Spadea, Haas has yet to meet a seed in a tournament where those accorded that status have performed abjectly. At least Agassi was keeping good

Yevgeny Kafelnikov, seeded



Cap that: hard-hitting Spadea plays a backhand during his four-set victory over Agassi

off the persistent Coetzer 6-3,

forget about what happened in the second set," Hingis said,

"but I had control of the match

pretty much the whole time."

In that respect, Hingis's comments were at odds with

Hingis faces Mary Pierce in

her on-court performance.

The break helped me to put my mind together and just

No 10, escaped the rot yesterday. The Russian made hard work of beating Andrei Pavel, of Romania, who railied from two sets down before succumbing 6-3, 7-6, 6-7, 3-6, 6-4.

Of the four men's seeds remaining, two collide in the quarter-finals tomorrow when Kafelnikov, of Russla, confronts Todd Martin, seeded No 15: Martin, of the United States, yesterday accounted for Wayne Black, of Zimbaowe, in straight sets.

A significant upset loomed in the women's event when, on a sweltering day, Martina Hingis, seeded No 2, left the court for a ten-minute break after sharing the first two sets with Amanda Coetzer, the

the quarter-finals. Pierce, the No 16 seed. Coetzer, of South No 7 seed, overwhelmed Anna. Africa, rallied from 3-5 in the Kournikova, seeded No 12. in second set before poaching the a match described by Hingis ensuing tie-break. Hingls, the title-holder, slowly frazzled in as a battle between the game's "blonde killers". That, too, a 31-degree temperature that proved wide of the mark as Kournikova, of Russia, disintewould have been considerably honer on the court. She required 129 minutes, embracgrated 6-0, 6-4 under Pierce's ing 67 unforced errors, to see withering ground strokes.

The two British boys engaged in the junior singles championship opened with victories. Mark Hilton, who made a favourable impression at the National Championships in November, edged out Bo Hodge, of the United States, 7-6, 7-5, and Lee Childs, of Somerset, trounced Charles Sevigny, of Canada, for the loss of only three games.

## Graf and Seles still stirred by love of game

Julian Muscat savours the renewal of a rivalry that has been all too rare

AS Andre Agassi, one of the game's icons, departed incongruously from the men's singles in the Australian Open yesterday, two more advanced to a quarter-final pairing in the women's competition that evokes memories of a rivalry cruelly arrested in its tracks.

In a tournament yielding upset after upset, the senses were stirred when Steffi Graf and Monica Seles won through to confront each other tomorrow. It will be their fourteenth encounter since they first met in the French Open semi-finals a

decade ago, At that time, Graf, of Germany, and Seles, Yugoslavia-born but now a United States citizen, were the game's irresistible force and immovable object. Between them, they won 21 of the 24 grand-slam tournaments between 1988 and 1993 - after which Seles was stabbed by a supporter of Graf's when playing in Hamburg. The rivalry that was sure to develop was never

to reach fruition. The pair have met twice in the grand-slam arena since Seles, her mind scarred more than her body, returned to the game in 1995. In that year, Graf defeated Seles in the US Open final after one of the finest matches in memory. Graf duplicated the verdict in the Flushing Meadows final 12 lives have run along divergent off-court paths since Seles was

Seles was troubled by the stomach cancer that ultimately was to claim her father. Karolj, in May last year. Graf, meanwhile, has been plagued by injuries and the scandal of her father and business manager, Peter, serving a jail sentence for tax evasion. These circumstances served to dilute a rivalry that would have

eclipsed all others. Graf, 29, has accrued 21 grand-slam titles, Seles, 25, has 12. Remarkably, Seles has yet to lose in the 39 matches she has played in Australia. The holder of four Australian Open titles, Seles is also unbeaten over 20 matches in Canada. Graf leads their meetings 9-4, but Seles triumphed in their only encounter here in the 1993 Australian Open

These days, both women compete without the burning intensity that governed their respective youths. Seles — who prevailed yesterday 6-0, 6-3 over Sandrine Testud, seeded No 14 - said of her reunion with Graf: "I am really looking forward to playing her. The only reason both of us are still playing is because we just love the game. Both of us want to have challenges





Seles, left, and Graf have fought back after personal setbacks

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# Olympic family will stand by Samaranch

preside are tarnished beyond redemption? The joyride is over for Juan Antonio Samaranch. His court, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) in Lausanne, is discredited, and the uncomfortable road ahead is strewn with more and more inquiries, deeper and darker accusations.

The instinct to remain as head of this "family", as Samaranch calls the Olympic movement, may well defy all those who think the honourable course is for him to resign. The gratitude of the members. many of them invited into the circle by President Samaranch himself, doubtless will ease him through the vote of confidence to which he, grandly,

has subjected himself. However, even the IOC admits that Salt Lake City is not the only den of iniquity in what most see as bribery and corruption, and the president and his executive Olympians insist is merely the breaking of their solemn oath. The worst fear in Lausanne is that the United States judiciary and the House of Representatives will now subpoena members as witnesses under a more exacting oath, in criminal trials against officials of Salt Lake City's Olympic bid.

That is the future. So are the claims that Sydney, Amster-dam, Berlin, Melbourne and Quebec, winners and losers in the bidding game, all spread excessive largesse to the Olympic family. Over here, from Manchester and possibly from Birmingham, there are cries that the foul nature of opposing bids robbed them of millions of pounds spent entertaining IOC members. Aside from the inevitable question of whether this "gross hospitali-ty", as Manchester's Sir Bob Scott called it, was itself an

Rob Hughes believes that the IOC must fulfil its promises

to carry out substantial reforms

the Mancunian bid, the Olympic godfathers might point out that Manchester did not lose last time around to Sydney, but, in fact, came third behind China, However, Papa Samaranch is in appeasing mood. 'We will study their (the cities seeking recompense) prob-lems, and I think the IOC will give to them the just solution," he said vesterday.

Fine, and all this is going to be honest, transparent, accountable as never before in the Olympic process.

As the ranks close, as even those who stand in line to succession say this is not the time to impeach the president, we must assume that, barring more direct implication on his part. Samaranch will avoid his personal removal until his term expires in 2001. The vote of confidence, from the family, would be akin, after all, to asking the Democrats what should become of Bill Clinton, or expecting the athletes of all the world's games to sign and

to stick by a pledge never to take a banned substance. So the best we can do is to be relentless in trying to ensure that Samaranch sticks to his word in spending the rest of his presidency seeking to

successor with "the prestige it Prestige? The word, alas, has almost fallen through the

ensure reform so that he could

hand over the IOC to his

Leading article,

hollow rings. Two positive aspects have already emerged from the scandal. We learn that the IOC is to establish an Ethics Commission, composed of "senior persons, a majority of whom will be independent, outside members", and that, thank goodness, no longer will 114 members traipse around the globe with their goody bags, but an



Samaranch faces a vote of confidence by his members but

## Beijing leads the backlash

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) yesterday began to widen its investigation into the "votes-forfavours" allegations surrounding other recent bids to stage the Games. With the Olympic movement reeling from the resignations of three members and the recommendation that six others should be expelled after the inquiry into the choice of Salt Lake City for the 2002 Winter Olympics. there are now fears that more revelations will damage fatally the world's biggest sporting

Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC president, has emphasised that the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney and Salt Lake City Winter Games will not be moved. However, an inquiry will now begin into the statement last week by John Coates, who led the SydBY JOHN GOODBODY

ney bid, that money was offered to the national Olympic committees of Kenya and Uganda before the ballot in 1993, which gave Sydney a 45-43 victory over Beijing. Coates has insisted that the offers were not bribes but part of an assistance programme for African athletes.

However, Zhang Honghai, the head of foreign affairs for the Beijing City Government, said yesterday: "Such dirty things should not happen in Olympic bidding. The IOC should be able to resolve this problem, otherwise the Olympic movement will have no future. We felt at the time it wasn't just sports factors ... but we never imagined there were so many other various factors in the background." Five Nagano residents have

joined the controversy by planning to file a lawsuit today to demand the return of £4.75 million of taxpavers' money. which went into the successful bid for the 1998 Winter Games. The account book, detailing how the money was

spent, has been destroyed. Kaoro Iwata, the leader of the residents' group, said: We assume that the official subsidies were spent for such illegal purposes as excessive entertainment and suspected vote-buying. The burning of the account book itself supports the suspicion." Sumikazu Yamaguchi, a

former external affairs officer for the bid committee, has said that he ordered the book's destruction as "there was no space for storage". He added that such records could be "embarrassing" to some IOC members.

ing eight IOC members who are not on the executive board plus three athletes, and one representative of the International Winter Sports Federations, be formed to ensure

The IOC, the unimpeach able supreme body in sport, thus admits that it must be seen to police itself. It admits the need for an Ethics Commission, that the enlarged family could not be trusted to make the honourable decision.

We are getting somewhere, slowly. Questioning Sama-ranch, and his ability, at 78, to carry out reform, is not entirely ageist. Sir Arthur Gold, the retired London solicitor, is 82 and still president of the Amateur Athletics Association and honorary life-president of the European Athletics Association. "Principles have nothing to do with age." Sir Arthur said yesterday. "I believe either Samaranch was incompetent or ill-informed if he was unaware of the culture of gifts accepted by his members. In either case the honourable course would be to resign."

Gold, a fearless campaigner in his day against drug abuse, has little faith in a vote of confidence ousting the IOC presi-dent. "It will be an open show of hands by a body of men and women, over 50 per cent of whom enjoyed his patronage and cannot condemn him." Gold said. "There is a lack of courage, people will not stand up for principles."

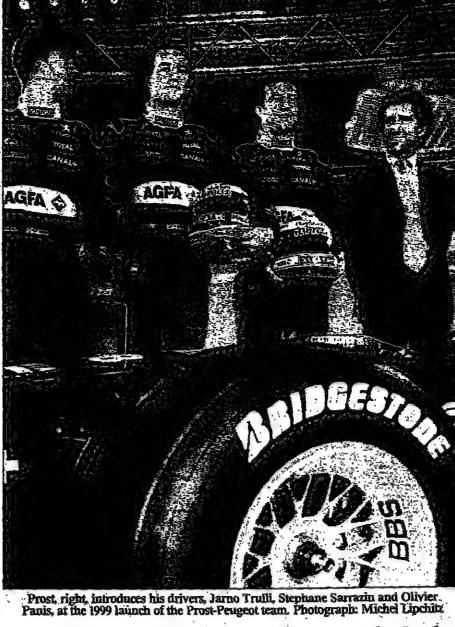
e is aware that the Winter Olympics have a spin-off from income derived from the facilities for many years after the Games, but Gold believes that it is time to return the Summer Olympics to Greece, where they were originally founded more than a thousand years before the birth of Christ. To Athens in perpetuity?

"No, I'm thinking of Olympia where, close to the Mediterranean, we could create a site rather like a Vatican City."

The British, long ago, had their turn at leading and administering world sports. Our schoolmasters did not envisage the marriage of money and sport which, down the television lens and in the era of the satellite wars, have turned sport irredeemably into gargantuan business, with all its bloated problems for security and potential for corruption.

Yet it was a Briton, Dame Mary Glen-Haig, an honorary member of the IOC, who questioned before the centenary modern Olympics in Atlanta in 1996: "Has the challenge presented by Pierre de Coubertin to the youth of the world been honoured? Are we guilty of bowing to man's desire for power in sport? Is there a God named Money?"

Questions of weight indeed, questions that will not be answered until the bribery -sorry, misconduct - saga has run its disreputable course.



## Panis launches bid to banish fear factor

THE one piece of baggage no racing driver can afford to carry with him to the 16 grands prix that make up the Formula One world championship is fear. Yet Olivier Panis confessed yesterday that he drove through last season knowing that a single accident could spell the end of his career. That fear haunted him at every race, a "dark

cloud", as the Frenchman described it, that hung over him each time he climbed into the cockpit of his Prost-PeugeoL His confidence was affected badly enough for both he and Alain Prost, his team principal, to decide on a cautious future and Panis, 32 has only a one-year contract.

Prost said: "He needs to drive 100 per cent this season. Because the car was not good last year, it made his problems worse, but he can put that behind him now."

For a racing driver to admit to being frightened requires bravery, though Panis refused to unburden himself at the time either to Jarno Trulli, his team-mate, or to Prost. "Alain had enough to worry about without having to listen to me and my worries," Panis said. "But he has been behind me all the way

Kevin Eason on the anxieties that have dogged a

bright talent of Formula One

since my accident and it was my confidence in him that brought me back into Forto-

Panis had established himself as one of the sport's most exciting young drivers when, at Montreal in 1997, the suspension of his Prost failed and the car smashed into a tyre wall at 180mph. When doctors freed him from the wreckage, few thought that he could overcome the damage to his twisted legs and return to life at the top.

Panis thought he could, until the first grand prix of last season when he realised that the trauma and the aftereffects of his injuries would play a substantial role in determining whether he could drive to the limits of his

Doctors had warned him that they could not repair his right leg, fixed with two metal supports from ankle to knee. if it was damaged again. Panis sald: Things were diffi-cult in my head. I was driving knowing that a mistake could mean the end of driving in Formula One and that is not the way to go out in a grand prix. It was always there with

The answer was to book himself into a hospital immediately after the final race of last season to have the metal removed from his legs. The Olivier Panis who had a brie test in a car before Christmas felt revitalised and confident in a leg that had more movement and sensitivity to the through control.

If he is to return to winning ways, though, he will need more than his old bravery and skill. The Prost-Pengeot was unwieldy and unreliable last season. Alain Prost has bired John Barnard, designer of his world championshipwinning McLares of the 1980s, to try to create a new and more aerodynamic car. Even so, Prost remains

cautious. "We have to assume that McLaren and Ferrari will be in front, but then there will be several teams after that," he said. "We want to be competing with them for points. That has to be our goal for this season."

## McRae awaits water pump appeal

MOTOR RALLYING: Colin McRae's Ford team will appear before an FIA court of appeal in Paris on Monday to find out whether their result from the Monte Carlo Rally will stand (Jeremy Hart writes). The team ran under appeal after their cars were found with illegal water pumps. If the team are not excluded, they will be free to run the rest of the year with the oversized pump. If, as expected, their result is withdrawn, the long-term future of the car will be decided at a meeting of the FIA's rally technical working, group on February 4. At hear Ford can hope that FIA will bring in a rule change to allow the water pump to be used for the rest of the year. At worst, the team could be banned from using the pump for the rest of 1999.

E CRICKET: Ricky Ponting, the Australia batsman, has been suspended for three matches by the Australia Cricket Board as nightelub brawl. Ponting was also given a suspended fine of \$5,000 (EL940). The 24-year-old Tasmanian bas already missed two of Australia's one day internationals against England and Sri Lanka because he was stood down after being knocked unconscious in a Sydney nightclub on January 18: Ponting is seeking connecting for a drinking problem.

E SNOOKER: Tony Drago and Mark King suffered surprise deleats in the first round of the Regal Welsh Open in Cardiff yesterday. Drago was beaten 5-0 by Smart Bingham, ranked 164th in the world, and King, a finalist in this event two years ago, went down 5-3 to No 139.

M CRICKET: Mark Taylor. the Australia cantain, was named Australian of the Year vesterday. He follows Allan Border, a former captain, in winning the coveted award. Other notable Australians to achieve the honour include Paul Hogan, the Crocodile. Dundee actor, Sir Jack Brabbam; the racing driver. and Dame Joan Sutherland. the soprano.

**E BASKETBALL** Michael Olowakandi, the No I pick is the National Baskerball Association draft, was released from his contract with Kinder Bologna, the Italian League Chib. vesterday, leaving him free tojoin the Los Angeles Clippers.

RUGBY UNION: PROPOSALS COULD SIGNAL THE END OF CROSS-BORDER FIXTURES

## English prepare to leave Wales behind Tuigamala helps Gateshead

WITH only five days until the schedtiled deadline for agreement on the structure of English domestic rugby, it appears increasingly likely that proposals for an Anglo-Weish league will collapse. Against the backdrop of increased opposition within England to the concept, including the unwanted spectre of a special general meeting, the Rugby Football Union (RFU) told Welsh officials on Sunday at a meeting at Droitwich that they would accept only five Welsh clubs in a cross-border competition, it is an ultimatum to which Wales, which wants double that

figure, will not agree. In the unlikely event of the impasse being broken, it appears that England will stick with the Allied Dunbar Premiership, even in a restructured format. That places a significant question mark over the futures of Cardiff and Swansea, who would appear to have little option but to return to the Weish league. However, the problem of the

ten-year loyalty agreement that both clubs refused to sign would still have to

Asked whether he felt that English clubs were ready to turn their backs on the supposedly binding legal agreement, Careth Davies, the Cardiff chief executive, who also sits on the board of English First-Division Rugby (EFDR), said: "I don't know, but it they did, it would not say much for them. As far as I am concerned, it is a two-way thing. "All our argument is about is finding

a level for a professional game. The way things stand, we can't negotiate with the WRU. There is no give and take. We wrote to them three weeks ago with a letter outlining what we felt - and so did a number of other Welsh clubs - was a workable, peaceful solution. We haven't had a reply yet."

He will find out more today at an

which is due to hear an update on progress from Tom Walkinshaw, the chairman. Walkinshaw will outline various scenarios in the knowledge

that the RFU will insist that the clubs will be liable for fines imposed by the International Rugby Board for playing the unofficial matches that have already cost the union £60,000 in withheld grants. A senior official said: "The whole English game should not suffer for the

action of the clubs, I think the IRB is understanding our position more and accepting the dilemma that their submission to the European Commission places us in." The clubs themselves also realise that an Anglo-Weish tournament could

fall under the control of the Five Nations Committee, creating the prospect of continued turmoil. In an attempt to allay the lears of

clubs in England and, in particular, those of Bristol and Worcester, the RFU reiterated yesterday that any structure put into place next season would be subject to the principles of the Mayfair Agreement with regards to the issues of relegation and promotion It also gave assurances that any club affected in any proposed changes would be party to any discussions.

Martin Johnson plays his 200th first-team game for Leicester, the league leaders, tonight, when they meet Richmond at the Madejski Stadium in a match re-arranged from last week. With Stuart Potter injured, Craig Joiner retains his place at outside centre and Graham Rowntree returns at loosehead prop. Neil Back is doubtful wth flu.

Richmond have named a squad, but the only definite non-starter is Adrian Davies. John Davies is expected to make his last appearance before finalising a move to Lianelli on Thursday.

#### **RUGBY LEAGUE**

WHEN Gateshead Thunder play their first pre-season match away to Castleford Tigers on Friday, they will have in their ranks a 19-stone Tongan wing recommended by Va'aiga Tuigamala, who is assisting the new JJB Super League club in an advisory capacity. Epi Taione, 18, has been playing rugby union for Tynedale for 18 months and has spent four weeks training with Gateshead.

He is one several South Seas olayers whom Tuigamala is helping to nurture in both codes, although the Newcastle Falcons wing has no plans to return to rugby league him-self. "Inga [Tuigamala] has some ideas about developing young island players and we have been talking to him about a million things, from race relations to education, but not about playing for us," Shane Richardson, the Gateshead chief executive, said.

Kevin Tamati, the coach of Whitehaven, has offered Tuigamala match terms to guest for the Cumbrian side in the first division over the summer, however. "He hasn't said no to joining us," Tamati said. The one significant transfer before the Silk Cut Challenge Cup deadline expired last night was a move by Tony Kemp, the Leeds Rhinos stand-off half, to Wakefield

The former Castleford and Newcastle Knights player has signed a two-year deal with the promoted Super League BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE,

club. Kemp, 31, struggled to make the Leeds side last year and competition at stand-off has increased at Headingley with the addition of Karl Pratt. from Featherstone Rovers. ....

Maea David, the Western, Samoa utility player, has joined Bramley, of the fill division from Hull Sharks, a year after a broken leg in a pre-season match restricted him to one appearance in the

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FOOTBALL

## Collymore seeks help for stress and depression

STAN COLLYMORE, the terrperamental Aston Villa striker, is to seek counselling for arress and depression in an attempt to resurrect his career in the FA Carling Premier-ship. Neither Collymore nor John Gregory, the Villa manager, were willing to speak publicly about the latest twist in the player's controversial career yesterday, but a statement was issued by the club. It read: "Stan Collymore has made it clear that pressure and stress have been building

up for a long period of time, which culminated in the decision by-the club not to consider him fit to play on Saturday. Following this, Stan decided that he wishes to seek further counselling to help him overcome his current

"Following extended meetings throughout the day with both Stan and his representative, the manager and board of directors of Aston Villa FC have expressed their desire to help Stan through his current problems, as it would with any

of its employees."

Doug Ellis, the Villa chairman, was also unavailable to expand on the statement, which was made necessary by Collymore's failure to turn up

tie against Fulham at Villa Park on Saturday, which Ful-ham won 2-0. Collymore was believed to be angry at Grego-Ty's decision to use him only as. a substitute but Paul Streiford, his agent, claimed that he had visited the club's medical staff and had been diagnosed as 'fil".

Gregory took training as usual yesterday morning, but Collymore was not there. When Gregory left the train-ing ground, he declined to discuss the matter. After the meeting between, Gregory, Ellis, Collymore and Streeford. which went on into the early evening, the statement was issued with no further



## "O'Neill and Reid aim for same goal

THERE is much for Leicester City and Sunderland to play for when they meet in the first leg of the Worthington Cup semi-final at the Stadium of Light tonight, not least of which is the restoration of

fractured confidence. Both clubs were eliminated. from the FA Cup on Saturday but with a place in Europe competition, both will be anxious to wipe the memory of such recent cup reverses from their minds.

The teams were busy play-ing the mutual admiration game yesterday, but when itcomes to the action tonight, it. is likely that quarter will be neither taken, nor given.

"Coming up against a Premiership outfit like Leicester, who I have a lot of respect for, is a tough test," Kevin Ball, the Sunderland captain, said. They're a league above us and they're doing well. But gace on the pitch, it's just two teams having a right good go at each other." Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager, regards Sunder-land as certainties for the FA Carling Premiership next season, and has no illusions as to the task facing his side, who

have conceded nine goals in

their past two matches. "Sunderland's priority is promotion and although I'm. sure Peter Reid will pour scorn on the idea, sitting pretty in the league might mean them not being fully wound

up for a cup game," he said. But we know it will be tough. Sunderland appear to be playing at Premiership standard already, and the difference in league status will count for nothing when

we get on the pitch."
Tony Cotice has a calf strain and, if he unable to play, Muzzy Izzet may have to move up from midfield for the second game running to part-ner Emile Heskey.

comment. While there might be some sympathy if Collymore's apparent plight is genuine, many Villa fans have long been disenchanted by his antics since he joined the club from Liverpool for £7 million in May 1997. The airment does appear to be catching, too, with Paolo Di Canio, the Sheffield Wednesday striker, and Mark Viduka, the Celtic striker, having cited stress for the recent absences from their

respective clubs. Collymore's day had begun badly when he learnt that he faces a possible driving ban. He failed to turn up at Birmingham magistrates court to answer a charge of driving his Range Rover at 82mph in a 40mph zone in Birmingham on August 25 last year.

With minds focused on Collymore, Villa officials had little time yesterday to contem-plate the possible move of luminho, the Atletico Madrid and former Middlesbrough midfield player, to Villa Park. Representatives of Atletico visited the Midlands for preliminary talks last week, but Middlesbrough have since emerged as favourites to re-sign the Brazilian.

Juninho played only as a 66th-minute substitute in Atletico's 2-l victory against Celta Vigo on Sunday, but reaffirmed his desire to stay in Spain. However, Arrigo Sac-chi, the Atletico coach, said that Juninho played no part in his plans. I appreciate him as a footballer but the problem is that I can't play him and Juan Carlos Valeron together." Sacchi said. "We have two excellent central midfielders but when they have played togeth-

er, things haven't worked out." Osvaldo Giraldo, Juninho's father and business adviser, is believed to favour a move to Middlesbrough, who Juninho left for a fee of £12 million 18 months ago. Middlesbrough claim to have first option on Juninho and Steve Gibson, the club chairman, is due fly to Spain this week for talks. Bryan Robson, the manager, is expected to accompany him.

Though Gregory acknowledges Middlesbrough's option, which is legally binding, he said: "That doesn't mean anything if the player doesn't want to go there."
Marc-Vivien Foe is expected

to make his debut for West Ham United against Wimbledon on Saturday after completing his £3.5 million transfer from Lens. The Cameroon international, who can play in central midfield or defence, passed a medical yesterday.



David Hacker and Carolyn Reid, who have been named Hockey Sport 1998 Club Players of the Year, show off their respective silverware in London yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes). Hacker, 34, is the first Welshman to receive the award. He made more than 100 appearances for Wales, though represented Great Britain on only five occasions, being unlucky to have missed selection for the 1992 Olympic Games in Barceona. He was captain and player-coach

in Malaysia last year and successfully led Wales in the European Nations Cup qualifying tournament. Hacker, a teacher at Millfield School, played most of his bockey with Hounslow in the 1980s but has since joined forces with Sean Kerly at Canterbury. Reid, 26, the England international who plays for Hightown, becomes the first goalkeeper to be honoured since Jo ompson won the award in 1991 (Cathy Harris writes). She produced excellent performances in

England's international huild-up to the World Cup in Utrecht last year, and by established as No I in the position.
Though England could finish only
ninth, her season ended on a high note
with a Commonwealth silver medal. A teacher at St Nicholas Roman Catholic High School in Hartford, Cheshire, 1993 World Cup in Spain, and has won several indoor and outdoor medals in European club competition.

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ROWING: SCOTS SEE TRADITIONAL CHALLENGE ON THAMES AS VALUABLE ASSET

## **Boat Race finds sound investment**

BOTTLES of whisky, rather than gin, were distributed to press men yesterday when it was announced that Aberdeen Asset Management, the Scot-land-based investment group. will sponsor the Boat Race for the next three years, with an option for a further three years

No definite figure was giv en, but it is known that Aberdeen Asset Management will be more than matching Beefeater, the Boat Race sponsor for 12 years up to 1998, which handed more than £1.4 million over the last three years of By Mike Rosewell, rowing correspondent

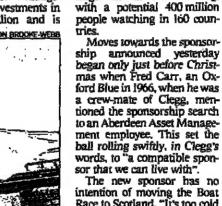
its involvement with the event. Not surprisingly, perhaps, the news was received with some relief by Duncan Clegg, the race organiser, who has been chasing potential sponsors since 1997, when Beefeater announced that 1998 would be its final year of commitment.

Both the Oxford and Cambridge squads have had to adjust their training expenditure since September, but can now concentrate more fully on the task in hand, a fact confirmed by Charlie Humphreys,

the Oxford president, who said of the deal yesterday: "It makes

our lives a lot easier." Clegg said: "In the context of today's sponsorship marketplace, we believe this is an excellent deal. The support means that the Universities will be able to maintain their investment in coaching, training and equipment, which probably produced the fastest two crews ever in 1998."

Aberdeen Asset Management manages investments in excess of £14 billion and is



words, to "a compatible sponsor that we can live with". The new sponsor has no intention of moving the Boat Race to Scotland. "It's too cold up there." Gilbert said. Cambridge, with six wins in a row. will race Oxford on the usual course on April 3.

**ICE SKATING** 

**SPORT** 

#### **Yagudin** left with ground to make up

FROM ANGELA COURT

THE European figure skating esterday with the men's qualilying rounds. Thirty-five men 29 nations performed their free programme and there were surprises, as is usual at these events.

Beforehand, all of the medals seemed certain to go to Russia on Thursday night, but a technically poor performance from Alexei Yagudin, the world champion and defending European champion, put him in third place in his group behind lesser-known skaters from France and Germany, The free programme is now worth 20 per cent of the final

Yagudin, 18, made three uncharacteristic mistakes. A fall on a triple axel jump, and a doubling out on two fater triple jumps left him shaking his head. "I don't know what happened," he said. "It wasn't nerves, and my warm-up was good. I didn't expect to skate so

badly." His compatriots, Alexei Urmanov, 25, the 1994 Olympic champion, and Evgeni Plushenko, 16, who recently won the Russian national championship, had mixed fortunes. Plushenko off sight standing, pulling off eight triple jumps and a quadruple toe loop with apparent ease. He received marks up to 5.9 for both technical merit and presentation to win his group comfortably.

Urmanov, who missed all of last season with a groin injury. fell heavily on his opening quadruple toe loop jump and over-rotated a triple lutz to finish second behind Plushenko. Until last summer, all three Russian competitors were coached by Alexei Mishin, in St Petersburg. Then Yagudin transferred to the United States to train with Tatiana Tarasova, who steered another Russian, Ilia Kulik, to

Olympic gold last season. Now out to show his worth under Tarasova's guidance, Yagudin cannot afford further errors if he is to retain the title.

Clive Shorten and Neil Wilson, the British competitors survived the cut and qualified to skate in tonight's short programme.

Wilson, making his return to competition after a year of injury, skated tentatively, though His triple jumps were less than secure, but strong spins and classic presentation gave him eighth place in the

first group. Shorten, the British champion, doubled two intended triples and fell on a triple lutz. but attacked his programme with vigour and finished fourteenth in the second group.



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## **TODAY'S FIXTURES**

FOOTBALL

Worthington Cup Semi-final, first leg

Sunderland v Letcester (7.45)

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# Duval produces theatrical performance in the round

Mel Webb on the golfer who could not stand the thought of reaching 60

HIS time, the face of stone had to crack. This time, the legendary stoicism did not come to the rescue. This time, the thin, pursed line that is usually formed by his lips broke into the broadest of smiles. David Duval does not make a habit of revealing to the world what passion beats under his carapace of cool, but this time even Mr Taciturn allowed himself a whoop of joy. It is not every day of a man's life that he creates a moment of sporting history.

Duval, 27, had played well enough for four of the five days of the Bob Hope Classic in California last week, but when he climbed on to the first tee at La Quinta on Sunday aftermoon, he was seven strokes off the lead with only 18 holes in which to make up the leeway. He had thought about what he might need to make a real impression in the final shake-up and arrived at need a 59 to achieve it.

People just don't score 59s to win leading professional tour-naments. In fact, people just don't score 59s, full stop. Only twice in the history of the US PGA Tour had anybody broken 60, and never to win. That is what Duval had to do. So he went out there and did it.

There is not much doubt that, for all Tiger Woods' continued presence at the top of the rankings, for more than a year Duval could present very strong credentials for recognition as the hottest player in world golf. He won four tournaments last year and continued in similar vein by taking the first event of this season, too.

But 59? Surely not. The last man to break 60 on one of the leading tours of the world was Chin Beck, in the third round of the Las Vegas International in 1991, and it is necessary to go back to 1977 to find the only other occasion that it has happened - Al Geiberger in the second round of the Memphis Classic. Duval is pretty coldblooded, but although he may have thought that 59 was what he wanted to win the 90-hole tournament. 59 cannot be

what he honestly expected to He got a clue that something special might be about to happen when he had birdies at each of the first three holes. More followed on the 5th and 9th to put him back into the thick of things again. He was

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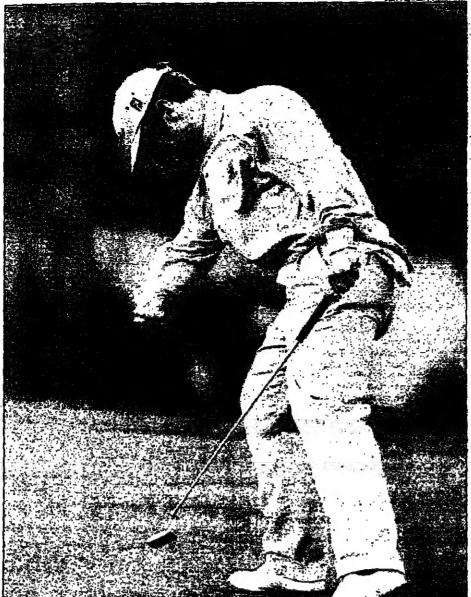
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Duval is exultant after sinking the putt that gave him an eagle on the 18th and completed his remarkable round

getting closer; but it could hardly last. It could. And did. And then some.

Having played the first nine holes in 31 strokes, he turned the return journey into a triumphal march. There is a blessed state of grace into which sportspeople occasionally go, and

3 (180 yards, par 3): Skelron to 3ft, one putt — birde, 4 (396 yards, par 4): Two-lron, rime-fron to 15ft, two

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5 (233 yards, par 3): Five-iron to 5ft, one pust -- birdle:

6 (562 yards, par 5): Driver, five-iron, sand-wedge to

30t, two putts -- par.

7 (439 yards, par 4): Two-iron, seven-iron to 40ft, two

B (358 yards, per 4): Three-wood, sand-wedge, three-iron crip to 6th, one put — per.

9 (451 yards, par 4): Three-wood, eight-fron to 8ft, one putt — birdis.
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while in this transcendental condition, they are capable of superhuman deeds. The Zone, they call it: the Zone welcomed Duval as a visitor in the last nine holes of his round.

Some time before Duval finished his round, it began to dawn on him that the 59 that . on the 17th. Somebody had lit

DAVID DUVAL'S CLASSIC 59 SHOT-BY-SHOT

1 (426 yards, par 4): Driver, pitching-wedge to 5ft, one 10 (453 yards, par 4): Three-wood, sand-wedge to 4ft, one put — birdle.

2 (514 yards, par 5): Driver, four-iron, sand-wedge to 4ft, one put — birdle.

11 (512 yards, par 5): Driver, sour-iron, pitching-wedge to 4ft, one put — birdle.

had been the distant, spectral vision overnight, might just, remarkably, be within reach after all. He was II under par for the first 16 holes and needed to pick up two shots on the last two to break 60, but he left a 20ft putt for a birdie 5ft short

12 (207 yards, par 3): Six from to 2ft, one putt — birdle. 13 (447 yards, par 4): Three-wood, seven from to 12ft,

14 (569 yards, per 5): Driver into bunker, sive-iron, send-wedge to 10ft, one putt — birdie.

15 (156 yards, per 3): Egint-tronto 1t, one putt — birdie.

16 (354 yards, per 4): Two-iron, send-wedge to six inches, one putt — birdie.

17 (130 yards, par 3): Nine fron to 20ft, two putts -

18 (543 yards, par 5): Driver, five-iron to 6ft, one put

the torch back there on the 1st tee - now it appeared as though it had been suddenly extinguished.

It was time, among all the coruscation, for a really big closing number. He hit an enormous drive on the 543-yard par-five, then put a five-iron to 6ft. Six feet for an eagle, 6ft for 59, 6ft for a fittle niece of immortality. Duval's face was a blank canvas as he looked at his line, impassive as he addressed the ball, calm as he hit it. And then went gently mad as it rolled into the hole.

It brought him victory by a shot, took his earnings in two events this year to \$1,008,000 (about £630,000) and was his ninth win in his past 28 tournaments. Time for the quiet man to indulge in a little self-aggrandisement. "I'm playing quite well." he said. Now, now, David - no boasting.

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#### TELEVISION CHOICE

## Fiction reflecting fact

Bent coppers are not as rare in police shows as they used to be (fiction sadly reflecting life) but they are usually flushed out and dealt with. DS Beech (Billy usually flushed out and dealt with. DS Beech (Billy Murray) of The Bill, however, has been on the take for some time and while he has come close to being rumbled, so far the scriptwriters have allowed him to survive. It is a delicate matter. If Beech goes on taking bungs from villains, the series could be accused of condoning police corruption. If he is exposed, The Bill loses one of its best characters. Beech is at it again tonight, but this time his colleague DS Daly (Ray Ashcroft) is on to him. Since there has never been any love lost between the two, this latest confrontation has a special edge and redeems one of those convoluted plots which have sometimes marred the show since it went have sometimes marred the show since it went back to 60 minute episodes.

#### Great Railway Journeys BBC2, 9.00pm

There is a double beloing of Rick Stein on BBC2 tonight, for in addition to his cookery series he is also the railway traveller, crossing Mexico from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic. His reason for choosing Mexico is that he came to the country for years ago as a warmen backers and fall in lower ago. choosing Medico is that he came to the country 30 years ago as a young backpacker and fell in love with it, not least for its cooking. Food makes regular appearances in the programme but there is far more to Stein than being the only Cornish fish cook on television. He enjoys rail travel for a start, even if he worries about the state of the Mexican tracks. He is also a fan of Hollywood westerns, many of which were shot at one of his stopping places. Durango, where John Wayne had a ranch. And he is shrewd about the Mexican character, in which he admires an ability to get along without rules and regulations. without rules and regulations.

#### Station X Channel 4, 9.00pm

Coming Alive

Radio 4, 11.30am

The story of wartime code breaking at Bletchley Park continues by charting how the supposedly impenetrable German Enigma codes were successfully cracked to the enormous benefit of the Allied war effort. With the odds against doing it many times longer than winning the National

# When the original version of John Pilger's film was transmitted five years ago, the ITV helpfine received more than 4,000 calls a minute, refuting perhaps the notion that East Timor is too far away for us to care about. Pilger's polemic, for it is nothing less, has a double target. On the one haspithe is condemning what he claims to be the genocide carried out by the Indonesian dictainship on the people of East Timor after its brutal occupation of the former. Portuguese colony in 1975. On the other hand, Pilger accuses the Governments of Britain, the United States and Australia of complicity and connivance. Britain is charged with having been, and still being, a principal supplier of arms to the Indonesian regime. Peter Waymark RADIO CHOICE

New Healers Radio 4, 9.00pm

The Timor Conspiracy

Genetic engineering has received vast publicity via such wonders as Dolly the sheep, but the impression remains that nor many people have actually been helped by the process. The problem identified in this programme is that, while scientists have found ways to after the DNA of individual cells, there have no been all arce enough. found ways to after the DNA of influence cens, they have not been able to do so on a large enough scale to change the way the body functions in terriporal disease eradication. Tonight's programme suggests that a second wave of research may have brought success closer. In Edinburgh, scientists are hoping to help cystic fibrosis victims by introducing new genes into their lungs, and at Hammer-smith Hospital, London, there is hope of a cancer vaccine through gene therapy.

Peter Barnard

BBC WORLD SERVICE

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CLASSIC FM

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THE REAL PROPERTY.

John Pilger presents an updated version of the Timor Conspiracy (ITV, 10.40pm)

Lottery, it took very bright minds, but Bietchiey Park had some of the best. They included Alan

Park had some of the best. They included Alan Turing, remembered as an eccentric genius and, significantly in view of later revelations of the homosexuality which wrecked his career, very shy of women. Turing's achievement was to discover the secret of the German naval codes at a time when U-hoats were causing terrible damage to Allied shipping. But it needed the chance discovery of a book of code settings on a U-hoat captured off Iceland to complete the job.

#### RADIO 1 (BBC)

the half-absorbed learning that King has gleaned from working in the prison library comes into play, as do some of his more nefarious past habits.

There is a contemporary fiavour to this new sopart series by Jim Eldridge, best remembered for
king Street Junior, which starred Karl Howman.
Writer and actor combine again here, with Howman playing Terry King, a comman whom we meet
on the last day of his latest prison sentence looking
forward to fresh air at Grove Hill Parm, where he
is sent as part of a rehabilitation, programme,
Unfortunately for King, Grove Hill nums out to be
a crumbling project on a North London estate,
where King and a social worker, played by Phyllis
Logan, my to breathe life into the centre. Much of
the half-absorbed learning that King has gleaned

6.90am Zoe Bell 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00pm Kévin Greening 2.00 Mark Faccliffe 4.00 Chris Moyles 5.45 Newbeet 6.00 Chris Warren, Chart hits 8.00 Steve Lemaco 10.00 Digital Update 10.10 Joint Peel. The best bracks 12.00am The Breszeblock 2.00 Emma B 4.00 Scott Mills

#### RADIO 2 (BBC)

5.00mm Serah Kennedy 7.30 Wogen 9.30 Ken Bruca 12.00mm Jimmy Young 2.00 Ed Stewen 5.05 Johnnie Walker 7.00 Alan Freeman 8.90 Nigel Ogden 9.00 John Pet 1787 Year's Vin Shoutby Petil in Carlot 10.00 Susan Joshuan Amerika Richard Alinson 12.00am Katrina Leskanich 3.00 Alex Lestes

#### RADIO 5 LIVE (BBC)

5.00em Morring Reports 6.00 Breekfast 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00pm The Midday News 1.00 Ruscoe and Co 4.00 Daive 7.00 News Botrs. A full round-up and the main sports builtin of the day 7.30 The Tusaday Maich. Sunderland v Levester City in tonight's first leg of the Worthington Cup semi-final 10.00 Late Night Live. News and topical discussion, with Nick Robinson 1.00am Up All Night Phod Sharp presents a preview

#### VIRGIN

6.30em Danny Baker 9.30 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Hamlet Scott 6.45 Pete and Gaoff 10.00 Mark Forrest 1.00em James Mariti 4.30 Fichard Allen

#### TALK RADIO

5.00mm Big Boye Breeldast with David Banks and Nick Ferrari 9.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anna Resburn 3.00 Peter Deeley's Drivetime 5.00 The SportZone 7.00 Eubank's People 8.00 James Whele 1.00am Ian Collins

# Brunning Introduces classical sounds 9.00 Evening Concessions. Academic Festival Overture. Sibelius: Violin Concession D minor: Berlica:, Symphone Fernastique 11.00 Minor & Night, Music through till the wee small hours 2.00em Concent. First: Clarinet Concent in C minor (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths. The Early Breakdast Show

6.00am On Air Petroc Trelawny on the standing of the 1999 Classical Awards from Cannes, France 9.00 Masterworks With Peter Hobday, Kuhlau (Overture "Lutu"); 9.08 Schubert (Plano Sonata in E. D459); 9.37 Mozart (D'Elsio in sen m'attende); 9.45 Bloch (Schelomo); 10.08 Pokolev (Suite "Leutenent Kije"] Chicago SO/Claudio Abbado 10.30 Artist of the Week Midon talks to Joan Bakewell 11.00 Sound Stories Elizabeth i 12.00pm Composer of the Week Taverner 1.00 The Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert Live from Belfast Mozart (Plano Tho in E flat, K496); Kurtag (Homage to Schumern); Francaix (Trio)

Beitast. Mozart (Plano The In E flat, K498): Kurtag (Homsge to Schumarn); Franceix (Trio)

2.00 The BBC Orchestras BBC Philhermonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier and Charles Meckeras. Peter Donohoe (plano). Bridge (Suite "The Sea"). Oftene (The Fiddler); Bertok (Plano Concerto. No. 3); Brahms (Symphony No. 2 in. D).

4.00 Volces lain Burnside introduces songs by French composers reacting against the 19th-century romantic tradition. Saite (Trots poemes d'arnour); Chabrier (Pastorale des cocchons mases).

Chabrier (Pastorale das cochons rosas); Milhaud (Catalogue des fleurs); Poulenc (Caustre poemes de Guilfauma Apolinalire); Roussel (Jazz dans la nuit); Satie (Trois meloclies, Honegger) Rosanthal (Chensons de Monsieur Bleu) (r)

4.45 Music Nachine How a violin is made
5.00 in Tune The Taruthester Wuppertal dance company. Weber (Clarinst Concerto in E flat)
7.30 Performance on 3 Handel (il Pamasso in Issta)
9.55 Postscript Sir Stephen Turnin introduces excepte irom George Orwell's essay Politics and the English Language
10.20 Night Visions The Irist recordings of this recent pleas by Matthew Taytor — played by the Campbell Ensemble
10.45 Night Waves Richard Coles take to leading South African poet and journalist Antile Knog
11.30 Jazz Notes Blue Note records
12.00am Composer of the Weeks Purcell (Welcome to all the Pleasures, 2339); (From Stent Shades (2270); (They That So Down to the Sea in Shades (2370); (They That So Down to the Sea in Shades (257); (if Prayers and Tears, 2380); (Chacony Iraginano, 2730); (Peloice in the Lord Always, 249) (1.00 Music by Philitor, Bach, Cime, Kindermann and Leciar, 220 Mccant (Plano Sonate in C, K545)
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5.30am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast
5.40 Inshore Forecast 5.45 Prayer for the Day
5.47 Farming Today Presented by Charlotte Smith
6.00 Today With Sue MacGregor and James Naughtie
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scentific study of the electric telegraph (2/5)
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Tim Verrinder, Ben Werd and Richard Webb. The 7.00 The Archers David finds life is all a matter of 7.15 Front Row Mark Lawson investigates the

relationship between piano teacher and pupil 7.45 immer Volpes Part two of Rikkie Beadle Blair's drama Pinders Keepers, with David Squire. Broadcast earlier within Woman's Hour. Finders Keepers M.

8.00 File on 4 Mark Whiteker investigates the concern field by US doctors over ellergies to prescribed:

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8.40 In Touch Peter White with news for visually impaired people.
9.00 The New Heaters Breakthroughs in the science of gene hereby. See Choice 9.30 No Triumph, No Tragedy Broadcast earlier (f) 10.00 The World Torright With Anne McKenzie 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Sound of Trumpets By John Mortimer. Terry Filtron meets the mysterious owner of Hartscombe's local independent hookshop

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11.00 Late Night on 4: The Patrick and Maureen
Maybe Music Experience The soubled couple
decide to separate, and present their final shoet
from different studios. Patrick Barlow, Imelda
Staurton and Kevin Edon star. Last in series

11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament Update from
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## Linford gets the needle and is out to make a point

ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

how to sprint.

Birmingham to win his tenth AAA national indoor title.

In Karlsruhe, Germany, Christie recorded 6.57sec for 60 metres to finish second to Marc Blume, the 1996 European indoor champion, from Germany. Remarkably, it is the fastest start Christie has made to an indoor season.



Close call: Christie is edged out by Blume in Karlsruhe

gone and I am a sucker for a challenge," Christie said. instant success as a coach.

WORD-WATCHING

COCKING PIECE (b) A short board, nailed to each common rafter at the eaves. in order to give a slightly flatter slope than the rest of the roof. LANGE LYZEN

(a) "Long Elizas", figures of women, copied from Chinese porce-lain by European porcelain painters (nearly always in blue), in which height and slenderness have been exaggerated.

(c) In Zoroastrianism, the sacred plant and drink made from it by pounding. Hasoma is personified as a divinity, who bestows vital qualities and even immortality. The word comes from the

(b) A Balti-Finnish domestic spirit who oversees the household

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1, Oxf7: Nxf7; 2, Re8+ Kc7; 3, Rle7 checkmate.

IN: 28. TOTAL: 59.

IF a new advertising campaign is to be believed, Linford Christie has taken up embroidery. "Now anyone can learn to do anything", it says. But why should Christie bother learning new pursuits? Clearly, he has not forgotten

The needle from his training group, rather than the one in his hand in the advert, has prompted Christie, at 38, to run this weekend in his first championship competition tince the 1996 Olympic Games. After his first international race for 18 months on Sunday, he is the favourite in

aching since his retirement in 1997. Christie was out-ofseason training in Lanzarote with his athletes when their hanter struck home. "They told me my days are long

The 1992 Olympic 100 metres champion has been an When his reign as European

pest last year, Darren Camp-bell, whom he coaches, succeeded him. Before Christie's appear ance in Karlsruhe. Campbell had said: "I believe we have all moved on and Linford does not have a hope of running the times he used to.

100 metres champion came to an end undefended in Buda-

While Christie may still be a tenth of a second off his European record for 60 metres. 6.57sec puts him ahead of Jason Livingston at the top of the British 1999 rankings. It is perhaps as well that Campbell has opted for the 200 metres next weekend.

"Linford is in good shape but, if I was in it, I would win it," Campbell said of Birmingham. "I am using the 200 metres as a training exercise. Linford is taking my place in the 60 metres! No doubt. though, the commercial forces at work will ensure that the two meet on the circuit this

is he really back because his training group dared him. or is it more that he craves the limelight again? For Embroidery Man, this could be 2

# Damp it may be, but it's not on the rise

Roof (BBC2), the walls of your house can be wetter than Dale Winton and, chances are, you still don't need to pay anybody hundreds - let alone thousands - of pounds to put in a chemical damp-proof course be cause it's extremely unlikely than ou've got rising damp. This leaves just one nagging question in your mind: why aren't there more such programmes on television. lifting the lid on other unpleasant things that we have all long suspected were at best unnecessary, such as self-assessment tax renums, Supermarket Sweep, large parts of South Dakota, and the

Rev Ian Paisley?

Doubts about rising damp set in the minute you set foot in Venice. Here is a city that is still standing after hundreds of years, and after thousands of floods. On the several occasions that I have visited Venice, not once have I seen a boat

sign saying, "Gino's Damp-Proofing - we treata de wetta rotta and de dry rotta. No pallazzo too small." In all the biographies of Casanova, you never once read of a time when he had to disappoint a lover on account of rising damp: "Can't come over to pleasure you this morning, love. I've got a man from San Marco Damp-Proofing coming round between 8am and lpm to give me an estimate. He couldn't be more specific, what

with all the visits he has to make."
The man we have to thank for opening our eyes is Mike Parrett, who works for Lewisham council as a damp-checker. "In the last nine years," he told us, seated, for some reason, on a boar, "I've not found a single case of rising damp in any of the properties I've tested. I've tested literally thousands." Often he solved the damp by install-ing proper heating and ventila-tion. At other times, an existing

enabling ground-water to bypass the damp course. Parrett is so scep-tical that you could no more easily persuade him that Paddy Ashdown's decision to retire as leader of the Liberal Democrats will make a measurable difference to British politics than you could that a British house has rising damp.

sing the hidden camera technique he used to expose dodgy estate agents in the opening programme of the series, the presenter Paul Kenyon set up home in a wettish house that Parrett swore was not suffering from rising damp (there was leaky guttering, a blocked drain, a bro-ken water pipe) and called in the professionals to sort out the problem. Nine estimates - to inject an un-needed chemical damp-proof course - ranged from £380 to well over £6,000. The companies Kenyon invited to survey the prob-



Joe Joseph

lem included some of the bestknown names in the business. With luck their phones won't be

ringing for a while.
Although Kenyon has the sort of boyish enthusiasm, and the boyish looks, that give the series the air of a particularly proficient school science project, he seems to be making a snappier job of old-fashioned investigation than many grown-up presenters are managing. Of

course, you might fear even more for the damp-proofing companies if Oliver Walston ever gets it into his head to wash their dirty laundry in public.

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For the past four weeks in his se-ties Against the Grain (BBC2), Walston, a barley baron from Cambridgeshire, has been doing his best to avoid being invited to the National Farmers' Union annual ball ever again. Walston has ruffled the feathers of many farmers by highlighting the more prepos-terous lunacies of the common agricultural policy: under this scheme Britain's farmers have manocuvred themselves into a position that coalminers and shipyard workers never worked out how to wangle, in which somebody would pay to keep them in business even if nobody wanted their coal or their ships - and even if this meant paying them billions of pounds not to mine coal or build ships at all. Walston, who gets a

£180,000 subsidy cheque from Brussels every year, feels farmers should face the same market forces as hairdressers or dishwasher manufacturers, and that farming subsidies should be phased out.

This week he championed the use of agrochemicals and genetically engineered food as the only way to feed a world population that is growing by around 80 million people a year. Organically produced food may be the answer for those who can afford it - but what if you can't? Or don't want to? Walston doesn't think organic wheat or carrots taste any different, anyway. But even if they do, what role should the Government play in steering us towards them - any more than in steering us towards buying large, safe, expensive Bentleys rather than decrepit, rusty, cheap bangers?

It has been a thought-provoking,

frequently provocative series. In the process Walston has proved himself to be a television natural, with just the right mixture of arrogance and charm to command the camera. With luck we'll be seeing him again — unless Brussels decides it's smarter to pay him not to make more television shows.

Patsy Palmer waits ages to have a baby, then two come along at once. No sooner has she given birth on EastEnders than she's giv-ing birth all over again in Love Sto-ry, shown last night in Channel 4's Shooting Gallery series of shorts. Love Story was written and directed by her husband, Nick Love, who cast Paimer as a pregnant heroin addict living in a subterranean hell-hole, whose big-mouth boy-friend is too busy chasing his next fix to attend the birth. I think that was pretty much it, unless I missed something. It made East-Enders look as stylish as a Kuro-

6.00am Business Breaklast (27626) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (63355) 9.45 The Vanessa Show [] [5670171]

10.55 News; Regional News (T) (7546065) \*\* 11.00 Real Rooms (7556442) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (I) (7526201) 11.55 News; Regional News (T) (1759997) 12.00pm Call My Bluff (34794)

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3.45 The Enchanted Lands: The Adventures of the Wishing Chair (9612249) 3.55 Hububb (8039930) 4.10 Chipmenks Go to the Movies (5382751) 4.35 The Really Wild Show (1262133) 5.00 Newsround (5009862) 5.10 Grange Hill (5149317) Hill (6149317) ---

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Late Lunch presenters Mel and Sue go rock 'n' rolling in Sumham on Sea (1) 7.30 EastEnders The day of the inquest brings tresh tension (F) (607)



Julie Fitzioho (Nicola Stephenson)

8.00 Holby City The staff of Darwin Werd struggle to prevent a deadly infection spreading beyond the confines of Casualty's famous hospital (7) (371336) 8.50 8.50 to Paddington Green Dominique arrives for her first day at Sylvia Young's Theatre School in Paddington (2/6) (1)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News; Weather (1) (2539) 9.30 Crimewatch UK 150 A search for a

serial rapist in the West Midlands (!) 10.30 Paddington Green Locksmith Jason Osbourne gets into a fix at the airport, valide transsexual prostitute Jackie. McAutiffe books in for the final touches of

her plastic surgery (T) (44177) 11.00 Ladies' Night Documentary unveiling the myths surrounding male strippers (r) (7) (679997) 11.58 Crimewatch UK (1) (452572)

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7.00am Children's BBC Breakfast Shows.
The Little Polar Bear (8893779) 7.05
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Squirrel and Co (3451268) 7.55 Blue
Peter (2889510) 8.20 Taz-Mania
(9405689) 8.40 Polika Dot Shorts
(8777171) 8.50 Cakle Doke (8773355)
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1.40 The Arts and Crafts Show (65931510) 2.19 Sporting Greets (22754084) 2.40 News; Regional News (†) (8597249) 2.45 Westminster (†) (8170238)

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(f) (75404)
5.00 Tennis: Australian Open Highlights of the quarter-linels (6133)
6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (f) (f)

6.25 Hearthreak High (1) (180881)

7.10 The O Zone (1) (948510)
7.30 From the Edge A look at the implications of the Government's White Paper on Transport and an interview with wheelchair-bound war correspondent. John Hockenberry (1) (249) 8.00 University Challenge (1) (6510) 8.30 Rick Stein's Seefood, Odyssey Rick

spicy shark vindaloo before learning how to make an authentic dhal (T) (2317) Great Railway Journeys

Comish fish cook Rick Stein Atlantic Ocean, travelling on the spectacular rail route through Copper nyon and the Sierre Madre Mountains



Francine Stock and Juliet Morris Introduce the ceremony (9.50pm)

of the Reigny awards ceremony from London's Brewery (T) (659713) 10.30 Newsnight (1) (766862) 11.15 Seinfeld (1) (790959) 11.40 The Larry Sanders Show (1) (192688) 11.55 Weather (404882) 12.00em Despatch Box (86447) 12.30 BBC Learning Zone

5.30am ITN Morning News (30688) 6.00 GMTV (6339626) 9.25 Trisha (T) (3103997) 10.30 This Morning (1) (24770607)

12.15pm HTV. News and Weather (T) 12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (T) (54046) 1.00 Shortland Street (51510) 1.30 Home and Away (T) (53317) 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (T) (2437881)

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7.30 WALES: Fishlock's Wild Tracks New

series, Trevor Fishlock tours Wales on foot (1) (775) 6.00 The Bill The Drugs Squad reckon one of Meadows's men has been taking bribes after gargisters receive a tip-off about an impending raid, and their suspicions seem confirmed when a police informer is shot dead\_ (T) (5355)



Adrian Lukis and Annette Ekblom star as David and Patricia (9pm)

9.00 Peak Practice Andrew becomes personally involved in the hear rending case of an old soldler who has a terminal brain turnour diagnosed (4/13) (1) (5591) 10.00 News at Ten (1) (20591)

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3.30 Hampton Court Palace (T) (997) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (1) (404) 4.30 Countdown (T) (1256572) 4.55 Ricki Lake (T) (4367930) 5.30 Pet Rescue (1) (268) 6.00 King of the Hill (r) (T) (881) 6.30 Home Improvement (T) (284539) 6.55 Planet Pop (577882)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (575220) 7.50 Music of the Millennium (T) (171046) 8.00 Brookside (T) (8978) 8.30 Classic Aircraft (6/8) (T) (9323)

S.00 CUBICE Station X Insight into the role of code-breakers working at Bletchley Park in the key air and sea bettles fought over and around Britain in 1941 (2/4) (1) (3133) 10.00 Father Ted (r) (1) (28133) 10.30 Bob and Margaret (I) (37881) 11.00 Short Stories (I) (2274)

11.30 Dope Sheet (I) (18317) 12.00am Beyond Dope Sheet Introduction (9249114) 12.05 Crapston Villas (1) (6357398)

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12.45 The Gorgon (1490973) 12.55 The Man in the Lower Left Hand Corner of the Photograph (1410737) 1.10 Food (3040244) 1.30 Butcher's Hook (9097417)



Lee Marvin and Ernest Borgnine tussle for supremacy (1.40am)

train-hopping hobos jump on to one railroad car too many, and are confronted by a murderous conductor. Starring Lee Manun. Directed by Robert Aldrich (T) 3.50 Sheila (14183447)

4.00 TOPI 2 (549447) 5.40 Place and People

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8.00 Havakazoo (r) (1601688) 8.30 Dappledown Farm (r) (1600959) 9.00 Weather Front (r) (2207171) 9.25 Russell Grant's Postcards (4236626) 9.30 The Oprah Wintrey Show (6053133)

10.20 Sunset Seach (T) (2651881) 11.10 Leeze (2548607) 12.00pm 5 News at Noon (1) (1604775) 12.30 Family Affairs (r) (T); 5 News Update

1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (1)

1.30 The Roseanne Show (r); 5 News Update (9479775) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (6890775)

2.30 Good Afternoon Lifestyle magazine, incorporating real-life soap Liverpool Murns, Selling the Family Silver with Eric Knowles, and word game Cryptogram; 5 News Update (4099539) 3.30 Fear on Trial (TVM 1975) An American TV star's career is left in ruins after he falls foul of the anti-communist witch-hurts of the 1950s. True-life drama, starring George C Scott. Directed by Lamont

Johnson (1) (9166930) 5.20 Sunset Beach Shown earlier (r) (T); 5 News Update (6622959)

5.00 100 Per Cent Computer-generated quiz (5751084)6.30 Family Attains Dave makes a rash promise to Holly (T) (5742336)

7.00 5 News; Weather Round-up of the day's stories (T) (6894591) 7.30 Wild Flight The owts and hawks of northern America (1); 5 News Update

(5731220)6.00 Perfect Bables Mark Easton investigates why couples consider exploiting the latest research to ensure that their bables are healthy, beautiful and intelligent. Scientists claim the mother's diet, illestyle and relationship with the growing toetus can be potentially rewarding — but just how far will prospective parents go for the perfect by? Last in series (3/3) (T); 5 News Undate (5079688)

9.00 The Rookle (1990) Clint Eastwood stars as an ageing cop who reluctantly teams up with raw recruit Charlie Sheen and sets out to avenge the murder of his former partner, who was killed by criminal mastermind Raul Julia. Action thriller, also starring Sonia Braga, Tom Skertiti and Lara Flynn Boyle, Directed by Clint Eastwood (T); 5 News Update

11.20 Two Gus's birthday becomes a nightmare when Booth frames him for another series of murders. Thriller, starring Michael Easton (6982323) 12.15am The Jack Docherty Show With The Cardigans (7902379)

12.55 Live and Dangerous Action from round one of the AMA Supercross (83983602) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (3567756)

5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (8055391)

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Duval shoots 59 to produce grandstand finish



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# Sri Lanka await ban on Ranatunga.

IT BECAME clear yesterday that Arjuna Ranatunga, the Sri Lanka cricket captain, who appears on a disciplinary charge today over his behaviour during the limited-overs international against England last Saturday, will be suspended, if Peter van der Merwe, the match referee, uses properly the powers invested in him by the Internation-al Cricket Council (ICC). If Ranatunga is suspended, it is possible that Sri Lanka will abandon their involvement in the triangular tournament in Australia and go home.

The transcript of a tape recorded by the stump microphone in that spiteful match reveals that after Ranatunga, had instructed Ross Emerson, the umpire who noballed Muttiah Muralitharan for throwing, to stand close to the observe the bowler's action closely. he then told him: "I'm in charge of this game. You'll stand where I want you to. If you don't stand there, there won't be a game."

Ranatunga was seen clearly at the time, making a mark with his boot, to show Emerson where he wanted him to stand. Earlier, he wanted min to stand. Earner, he had led his players towards the dressing-room, after Emerson called Muralitharan for throwing, and was dissuaded from marching them off the field only after heated discourage with both propriess and discussions with both umpires and with Van der Merwe.

Under the code of conduct regula-tions drawn up by the ICC, Ranatunga would appear to be guilty on five counts: failing to ensure that play was conducted within the spir-it of the game; bringing the game into disrepute; showing dissent at

an umpire's decision; intimidating an umpire; and using abusive

Ranatunga was not the only player to use abusive language. On the tape, Darren Gough is heard telling Mahanama, the batsman who had deliberately run into him to avoid a run-out attempt: "I'll (expletive deleted) kill you." But whereas Gough was using language that fast bowlers have employed down the decades, however offensive it may seem, Ranatunga was trying to take over the game — and succeeding.

Despite the wretched incidents and the damage done to Muralitha-ran's reputation. Lancashire have reaffirmed that they are looking forward to welcoming the off spinner.

spoke to Muralitharan on his recent visit to Australia and he said yesterday that he envisaged no

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN ADELAIDE

problems when the bowler began his county career at Old Trafford after the World Cup. Muralitharan is, genuinely, the innocent in all this. He has a defec-

innocent in all mis. He has a defec-tive right arm, which, his support-ers say, gives the impression of straightening when he bowls the ball. But not everybody is a support-er. It is widely felt within cricketing circles that, however legitimate some balls are, others are plain

Simmons, an altogether more orthodox off spinner during his playing days, said that he was worried only for the bowler, not on the nicest people I have met and one of the most enthusiastic bowlers. After all this time, in which he has taken 200 Test wickets, it is diabolical that something like this should crop up. This Emerson is playing to the gallery. I don't know him and I don't want to.

"There was no difference be-tween that ball [the one that Emerson called as a throwl and many others he bowled. When you have had clearance from the ICC, from the likes of Michael Holding, who I know to be a fair-minded man, then I think there is something wrong and I don't know what it is."

The International Cricket County of the

cil sub-committee dealing with bowlers actions, on which Holding sits, has not, in fact, cleared Mura-

litharan. His action has been inves-tigated and it is felt that his "basic action" is acceptable. Nevertheless. umpires, whether they are good, bad or indifferent, are entitled to apply the law as they see fit.

Simmons admits that the unusu-

al action poses some problems. "I must admit, the first time I saw him, I thought 'My word, that's a bit different.' When I saw it again in slow motion. I realised it was a unique double-jointed action. When we were considering signing him for Lancashire, we were quite happy to go along with that. Our policy has always been that if it is good enough for the ICC, then it is good enough for us.

"Peter van der Merwe will make

his report and we will go along with anything this committee comes up with, but I don't expect to

hear anything. Muralitharan has been bowling like that for so many years and I think that English umpires, having been former players, understand and recognise it."

The debate in Australia rumbles on and it will not cease until the Sri Lankans depart. There are those who feel that Emerson, who has never stood in a Test, is out of his depth, that he craves a spot in the

limelight. Others believe that he is doing the right thing for applying its Laws "without fear or favour". Ranatunga's shameless behav-iour has been roundly condemned. though the captain is far from contribe. If Van der Merwe stands him down from the rest of this series, as he surely must, given the abundance and weight of evidence. it may be the prelude to further

# Viduka eager to make his mark at Celtic

BY KEVIN McCARRA

IF CELTIC have lacked a maverick forward since the departure of the tempestuous pair of Pierre van Hooijdonk and Paolo Di Canio, the vacancy has now been filled with aplomb. Mark Viduka stated yesterday that he is eager to settle down and play. While relieved to find him on the premises, the club will view the Australian as a suitable candidate for electronic tag-

ging.

He signed for Celtic from Croatia Zagreb seven weeks ago, but then revealed that he was suffering from depression and left for his native Melbourne two days later. Should his movement be as unpredictable on the field itself, defenders will never be able to pin him down. As speculation over Viduka's future trundled on. Celtic must have had thoughts of their own about his whereabouts, perhaps

ACROSS

I Freedom from sanction (8)

9 Prance around (5)

18 Different (5)

20 Moscow citadel (7)

24 (Author's) script (4)

25 Sewn together (8)

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22 Rescue after damage (7)

23 Fielding position; ravine (5)

5 Two wives of Henry VIII (4)

10 Joint: the indecent near it (7)

13 Abducted: Stevenson novel

11 The windpipe (7)
12 Big-Ears' triend (Blyton) (5)

wishing that he was with another club entirely.

He is reported to have been offered to West Ham United recently as a replacement for John Hartson. It would show a callous disregard for human suffering to present Viduka only as a troublemaker, but he remains vague about the origins of his distress. The forward, who is of Croatian descent, did appear alienated at Croatia Zagreb and is alleged to have been involved in fights with a journalist and

His previous club is an unusual institution. The fans' replica jerseys are not quite replicas because they bear the word Dinamo on the back. That is the original name of Croatia Zagreb and the alteration, never accepted by the crowd. was made to turn them into a vehicle of national identity when playing in European

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1 Urge on (6)

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6 Unclothed (5)

16 Pamper (6)

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6 Drummer 7 Sable 10 Silly season 14 Lurking

16 Derange 17 Pierce 18 Paces 19 Froze

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2 Morale-boosting speech (3,4)

3 'Up' direction (map) (5) 4 Refuse leadership

7 John -, C17 diarist (6)

8 Vegetable: old watch (6)

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17 Without artificial colouring

21 (Eg Oxbridge) rowing crew

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competitions. Viduka's links to Franjo Tudjman, the president of the country, may have contributed to his eventual unpopularity.

Having scored 103 goals in 16S games before this season. Viduka was once highly esteemed at a club he joined as a 19-year-old in 1995. "The situation changed and I was in the firing line," Viduka said. "When I moved to Celtic, I thought that I would be able to take the things that happened to me in Zagreb in my stride,

There was a lot of stress and I was in no condition to play. There is no guarantee that it won't happen again, but I am ready to start playing now and to give my heart to the team." Viduka received counselling from Patrick Farrell, an Australian sports psychologist, who also works with Luc Longley, of the Chicago Buils basketball team.

Sympathy for the forward is withheld because his psychological condition has never appeared to be the only relevant factor. H L Mencken, the great American journalist. once observed that when any one claims that a dispute is not about money, one can be sure that it is about money. "It had nothing to do with money." Viduka told his new teammates at Celtic. It is an assertion that sits oddly with state-ments issued by the club.

Fergus McCann, the Celtic chairman, who has fallen silent since, acknowledged last week that complex financial arrangements were involved. It is understood that Viduka Zagreb that would see him receive a percentage of any transfer fee and it appears that he is due at least £ 1.2 million of the £3 million price agreed with Celtic.

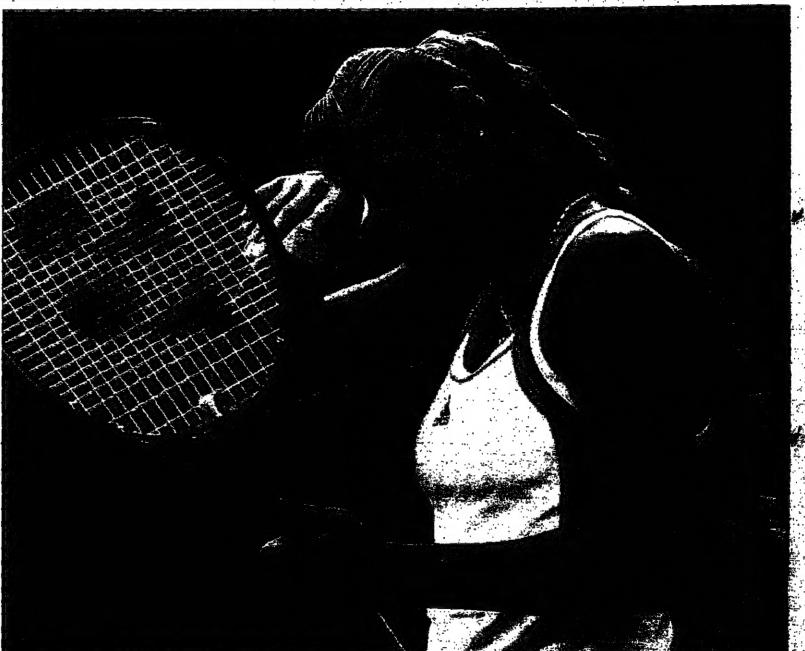
That sum, and the manner in which it was to be paid, seem to have been topics of dispute since Viduka fled Glasgow last month. Even now; Croatia Zagreb are claiming that the entire £3 million should be handed over to them and that any further distribution of cash is their responsibility. Only goals from Viduka can remove the scepticism of Celtic supporters.

In football, whose hall of

fame often resembles a rogues' gallery, much is forgiven the successful.

☐ The executive committee of Uefa will discuss the plan for a biennial World Cup when they meet in Cape Town today, only the second such meeting to be held outside Europe.

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Feeling the heat Anna Kournikova's challenge for the Australian Open comes to an end in a straight-sets defeat by Mary Pierce. Report, page 47

## Identity of drug-test athlete kept secret

uneasily in the starting blocks of its new beginning yesterday when it decided not to name the athlete who has returned positive first and second samples from a drugs test. It even suggested that it may not disclose the athlete's identity

Though the results of the test have been communicated to the athlete, suspension and naming - can take place only if an independent panel confirms that a doping offence has been committed. This crucial stage in the doping regulations has yet to be completed and has been held up because the sport is in the transition stage between one governing body to another. UK Athletics (UKA) is launched today as the new

national body, in succession to the collapsed British Athletic Federation (BAF). However, Jayne Pearce, the UKA spokesperson, said yesterday that, although the launch would go ahead as scheduled, the drugs case was delaying full transition. "We were on course," Pearce said. "This slows it up."

The athlete concerned is understood to be high profile but mindful of how the Diane Modahl drugs case was a considerable factor in the BAF going bankrupt, officials refused to reveal any details that might lead to identification. Pearce declined to say whether it was a man or a woman, whether the drug carried a three-month or twoyear ban for a first offence, or even whether it was an in or out-of-competition test.

However, given that it is BAF rules that are being applied in this case, it is clear BY DAVID POWELL

that the test was conducted in Britain. When Modahl was suspended, before earning reinstatement after clearing her name, it was the result of a test abroad and, therefore, subject to International Amateur Athletic Federation

It is also apparent that the athlete is disputing the find-ings. It is thought that the point at issue is not procedural and that it is therefore likely to be specifically in connection with the sample. "According to BAF rules, we can make the name public after the committee has decided that there has been a doping case." Pearce said. Then we will be in a position to reveal the name." Or not

It may transpire that the panel rules that an offence has not taken place. "UKA does not have the power to suspend, nor does BAF, until it has been proven there is a doping case, " Pearce said. If it is a case, we can reveal

must be followed

the name - if it's not, we can't. taken or the substance involved. The adverse finding was found when BAF was in existence under BAF rules. UKA is working with BAF and we want to be as open and fair

Pearce could not say when the independent committee, which must rule on whether there is a case to answer, would be formed, though she suggested it would be "in the next few days". It is up to administrators to determine who should appoint the panel, though, presumably, it will ask David Moorcroft, UKA's chief executive, to take charge. When the BAF was function-

ing normally, there existed a drug advisory group to meet at short notice. After it went into administration, it continued to apply its drugs regula-tions, but omitted to nominate a panel for cases such as this. "A committee has to be put together and has to look at all the reports and findings," Pearce said.

Among the names said by their coaches or managers to be in the clear are Darren Campbell, Dwain Chambers. Christian Malcolm, Steve Backley, Mick Hill. Iwan Thomas, Jonathan Edwards and Colin Jackson, but that leaves many more tarnished, perhaps, with suspicion. Pearce disagreed that other athletes would be under a cloud until identity was revealed, arguing that it was essential the rules were followed.

Pearce was speaking at Shoeless Joe's, a London restaurant, where several leading athletes are due today to launch UKA.

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